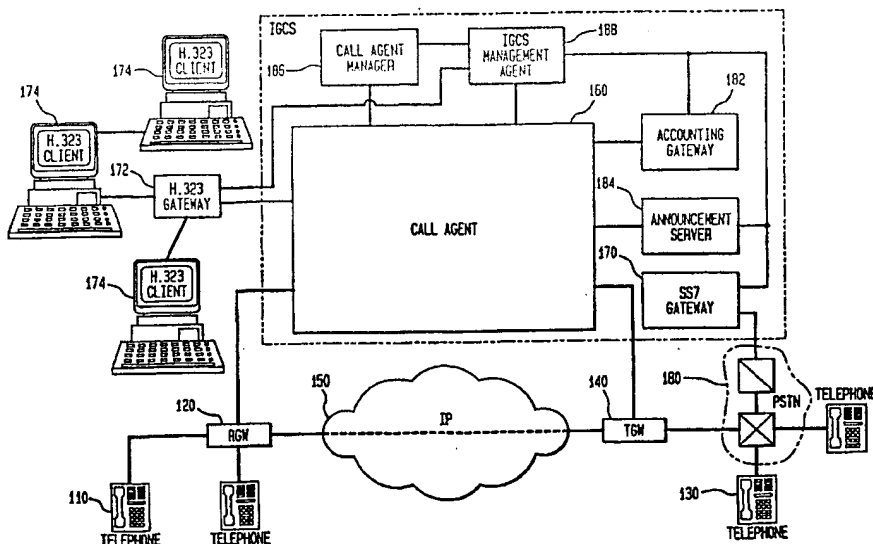




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(57) Abstract

Methods and systems for a distributed scalable hardware independent system that supports multiple functions regarding management (186, 188) and support (182, 184) of communications over a packet-based network. The communications supported by these methods and systems include, but are not limited to, Voice Over Internet Protocol ("VOIP") (150), voice over Asynchronous Transfer Mode ("ATM"), video conferencing, data transfer, telephony (130), and downloading video or other data (174). These methods and systems use a call agent (160), which is composed of various objects distributed along a CORBA software bus, for exercising call management over two endpoints communicating over a packet-based network.

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No.60/067,224, filed December 3, 1997, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates generally to communications, and more particularly, to a method and system for managing media sessions.

The telecommunications industry is pushing to develop effective systems for implementing voice-based communications over packet-based networks, particularly voice over Internet Protocol ("IP"). The H.323 protocol standards represent one such attempt, but suffer from several disadvantages. In particular, these standards require a logical data connection between network elements, which limits flexibility, scalability, and efficiency.

Therefore, it is desirable to have a method and system for overcoming the disadvantages of conventional voice over packet-based network systems.

DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, the present invention is directed to a communication system that substantially obviates one or more of the problems due to limitations and disadvantages of the prior art.

In accordance with the purposes of the invention, as embodied and broadly described herein, the invention comprises a packet-based network, a first subscriber unit, a first media control device connecting the first subscriber unit to the packet-based network, a second subscriber unit, a second media control device connecting the second subscriber unit to the packet-based network, and a call agent. The call agent of this embodiment is a device for managing communications between the first and second subscriber units over the network, and a device for sending and/or receiving SS7 signaling information.

In another aspect, the invention comprises a first subscriber unit coupled to a network through a first media control device, a second subscriber unit coupled to the network through a second media control device, and a call agent. The call agent of this embodiment includes a first call agent cluster coupled to the first subscriber unit through a media control device. The first call agent cluster includes a device for translating information received from the first media control device in a first protocol into a common protocol, a device for communicating with a second call agent cluster using the common protocol, a device for translating the information in the common protocol into the first protocol, and a device for controlling the first media control device for managing a media session between the first subscriber unit and the second subscriber unit over the network.

In another aspect, the invention comprises a method of managing communications between a first subscriber unit and a second subscriber unit over a network, wherein this method includes the call agent sending and/or receiving SS7 signaling information regarding management of communications

over a packet-based network, the call agent managing communications between the first and second subscriber units over the network, and the first and second subscriber units communicating over the network.

In another aspect, the invention comprises a method of managing communications between a first subscriber unit and a second subscriber unit. This method comprises the steps of a first media control device coupled to the first subscriber unit transmitting information in a first protocol to a first call agent cluster regarding establishing a media session with the second subscriber unit over a packet-based network. The first call agent cluster translates the information in the first protocol to a common protocol and sets up a connection between the first call agent cluster and a second call agent cluster. The first call agent cluster and the second call agent cluster exchange information using the common protocol, the first call agent cluster translating information in the common protocol to the first protocol. The first call agent cluster transmits the information in the first protocol to the first media control device coupled to the first subscriber unit. The second call agent cluster translates information in the common protocol to a second protocol, and transmits the information in the second protocol to a second media control device coupled to the second subscriber unit. The first subscriber unit and the second subscriber unit then exchange information over the network.

The description of the invention and the following description for carrying out the best mode of the invention should not restrict the scope of the claimed invention. Both provide examples and explanations to enable others to practice the invention. The accompanying drawings, which form part of the description for carrying out the best mode of the invention, show several embodiments of

the invention, and together with the description, explain the principles of the invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a block diagram of the IGCS system according to one embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 2 is a diagram of a call agent according to one embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 3 shows connectivity between two TGWs over a packet-based network according to one embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 4 shows connectivity between a RGW and a TGW over a packet-based network according to one embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 5 shows connectivity between two RGWs over a packet-based network according to one embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 6 is a diagram of a call agent cluster for RGW connection management and a call agent cluster for TGW connection management according to one embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 7 is a diagram of call models supported by call agent clusters according to one embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 8 is a diagram of call models supported by a traditional switch.

Fig. 9 is a flow diagram for RGW - RGW connection set-up according to one embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 10 is a flow diagram for the call agent cluster supporting RGW - RGW connectivity according to one embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 11 is a flow diagram for RGW - RGW connection tear down according to one embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 12 is a flow diagram for TGW - TGW connection set-up according to one embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 13 is a flow diagram for TGW - TGW connection tear down according to one embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 14 is a flow diagram for RGW - TGW connection set-up according to one embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 15 is a flow diagram for RGW - TGW connection tear down according to one embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 16 is a flow diagram for TGW - RGW connection set-up according to one embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 17 is a flow diagram for TGW - RGW tear down according to one embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 18 is a flow diagram of a service broker for connection set-up according to one embodiment of the invention.

BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

Reference will now be made in detail to the preferred embodiments of the invention, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings. Wherever possible, the same reference numbers will be used throughout the drawings to refer to the same or like parts.

In a preferred embodiment of the invention, an Internet Gateway Call Server ("IGCS") is a distributed scalable hardware independent system that supports multiple functions regarding management and support of

communications over a packet-based network. The communications supported by the IGCS include, but are not limited to, Voice Over Internet Protocol ("VOIP"), voice over Asynchronous Transfer Mode ("ATM"), video conferencing, data transfer, telephony, and downloading video or other data. These communications will be referred to as media sessions.

To accommodate various possible future requirements, the IGCS may be divided into separate components, each of which may or may not be present in a particular IGCS deployment. As shown in Fig. 1, these components include a call agent 160, SS7 gateways 170, an accounting gateway 182, and an announcement server 184. The SS7 gateway 170 within a preferred embodiment of the IGCS allows the IGCS to attach to and be part of the existing PSTN while other components within the system may interface with packet-based media devices. In a preferred embodiment of this system, a call agent 160 sets-up a connection between subscriber units 110 and 130 over a network 150. In a preferred embodiment, the subscriber units 110 and 130 are telephones, and the network is an IP network 150. Although, the invention is not limited to this application, and the subscriber units can be any user device for sending and receiving information. Also, the network can be any packet-based network capable of carrying data information, including an ATM network.

Media control devices 120 and 140 each connect a subscriber unit, 110 or 130, respectively, to the network 150. For supporting voice over Internet protocol (VOIP) communications, the media control devices 120 and 140 are termed VOIP gateways and in a preferred embodiment can be either a Trunking Gateway ("TGW") 140 or a residential gateway ("RGW") 120. A TGW 140 connects a Public Switched Telephone Network ("PSTN") 180 to the network

150, and thus provides the subscriber unit 130 with a connection to the network 150.

For this type of connectivity, signaling information, such as call-set up, tear-down, and management signaling, i.e., SS7 signaling, is sent through the PSTN 180 to an SS7 gateway 170, which connects the SS7 signaling information to the call agent 160. The call agent uses this information to set-up, tear-down, or manage the connection by sending messages to the TGW 140. In a preferred embodiment, these messages are Simple Gateway Control Protocol ("SGCP") messages, however, other protocols may be supported depending on the type of media control device the call agent is supporting.

After the call agent 160 sets-up a connection for the subscriber unit 130 over the network 150, information is exchanged between the subscriber units 110 and 130 over the network through their respective gateways 120 and 140. Thus, in a preferred embodiment, the call agent 160 is used for call management and the information exchanged between the subscriber units 110 and 130 does not pass through the call agent 160. In a preferred embodiment, the media control devices use Real Time Protocol ("RTP") and Real Time Control Protocol ("RTCP") to communicate over an IP network.

In another preferred embodiment, the media control devices use an appropriate ATM Adaptation Layer ("AAL") type to communicate over an ATM network.

An RGW 120 provides a traditional analog interface to the network. RGWs may include "set-top boxes." Unlike a TGW, RGWs both send and receive signaling information to/from the call agent 160.

In addition, the call agent of a preferred embodiment can communicate with various media control devices controlling various other types of subscriber units. For example, as shown in Fig. 1, an H.323 gateway 172 may be used as a media control device to provide an interface between the call agent and H.323 clients 174.

The call agent objects, illustrated in Fig. 2, consist of call agent clusters 210, an ingress service broker 220, an egress service broker 230, and a network resource database 240. These objects are distributed along a Common Object Request Broker Architecture ("CORBA") software bus 250. CORBA allows applications to communicate with one another no matter where they are located or who has designed them, thus allowing for flexible placement of them to suit considerations of cost, performance, and availability.

Call agent clusters are logical groupings of call agent components, and handle the specifics of call management. Their two central functions are exercising control over a media control device, which in a preferred embodiment is a VOIP gateway, and translating messages from one protocol, such as SGCP or ISDN User Part ("ISUP"), into a protocol that is common to all objects within the call agent. In a preferred embodiment, this common protocol is the Multi Call Agent Protocol ("MCAP") developed by Bellcore, which is defined using the CORBA Interface Definition Language ("IDL"). A script for this protocol is provided in Appendix A.

The detailed operation of a call agent cluster varies depending on the type of media control device it manages. The operations of call agent clusters for managing RGWs and TGWs are discussed later.

In a preferred embodiment, there are three possible connection types between subscriber units where the subscriber unit is connected to the network via a TGW or RGW. The first connection type is where both subscriber units are connected to the network via a TGW, as illustrated in Fig. 3. The second is where one subscriber unit is connected to the network via an RGW and another is connected to the network via a TGW, as illustrated in Fig. 4. The third connection type is where both subscriber units are connected to the network via RGWs as illustrated in Fig. 5. These figures are discussed in more detail below.

Fig. 3 illustrates the relevant system components for supporting communications between two subscriber units both connected to the network 150 via a TGW (a TGW-TGW connection). These components preferably include TGWs 310 and 312, an ingress call agent cluster 314, an egress call agent cluster 316, an ingress service broker 318, an egress service broker 320, a network resource database 322, SS7 gateways 326 and 328, and a CORBA software bus 324. Flow diagrams for connection set-up and tear down for this type of connection are shown in Figs. 12 and 13, respectively, which are discussed later.

Fig. 4 illustrates the relevant system components for supporting communications between two subscriber units where one is connected to the network 150 via an RGW and the other via a TGW. For this embodiment the relevant components include an RGW 410, a TGW 412, an ingress call agent cluster 414, an egress call agent cluster 416, an ingress service broker 418, an egress service broker 420, a network resource database 422, and a CORBA software bus 424. Flow diagrams for connection set-up and tear down for this

type of connection are shown in Figs. 14 and 15, respectively, which are discussed later.

Fig. 5 illustrates the relevant components where both subscriber units are connected to the 150 network via an RGW. These components preferably include RGWs 510 and 512, an ingress call agent cluster 514, an egress call agent cluster 516, an ingress service broker 518, an egress service broker 520, a network resource database 522, and a CORBA software bus 524. Flow diagrams for connection set-up and tear down for this type of connection are shown in Figs. 9 and 11, respectively, which are discussed later.

The objects comprising a call agent cluster vary depending on the type of media control device managed by the cluster. Fig. 6 provides a top level diagram of the objects of a generic call agent cluster for managing a TGW 640 and a call agent cluster for managing an RGW 660. These objects include a message queue 610 and 620, an endpoint manager 614 and 624, a state machine 616 and 626, and a media control device manager 618 and 628. In addition, the call agent cluster may also contain a message handler 612, which is used in TGW connection management. These components are distributed along a CORBA software bus 630.

The message queue 610 and 620 of a call agent cluster temporarily stores messages received from a media control device 426 or 410, respectively. Each call agent cluster preferably contains at least one message queue, and different queues are used for managing different types of media control devices. For example, there are different message queues for RGW and TGW connection management. The message queue for TGW connection management is referred to as an ISUP message queue, and the message

queue for RGW connection management is referred to as an SGCP message queue.

The operation of a message queue for TGW connection management consists of an SS7 gateway 426 sending ISUP messages to the queue 610. The queue stores the messages and then forwards them to a message handler 612 on a first in first out basis. For RGW connection management, an RGW 410 sends SGCP messages to the queue 620. The messages are stored and then transmitted directly to an endpoint manager 624. As such, a call agent cluster for RGW connection management need not contain a message handler.

The endpoint manager 614 and 624 is responsible for managing the state of each call, and each call agent cluster contains at least one. The endpoint manager 614 and 624 has two principal functions. The first is receiving messages from the various components of the system, such as message queues 610 and 620, service brokers 418 and 420 and state machines of peer call agent clusters 616 and 626.

The second principal function of the endpoint manager 614 and 624 is storing information on the state of each connection. The endpoint manager 614 and 624 preferably stores this information in a construct called the connection set descriptor. This construct is sufficiently generic to contain information associated with the various possible types of endpoints, such as TGWs and RGWs. The contents of the connection set descriptor for the preferred embodiment are illustrated in the following table:

Field	Data	Description
Source State	Enumeration	An enumeration of states indicating the call source status; e.g. for SS7, a blocked circuit.
Connection	Call ID	A unique value used to correlate descriptors between the source and target Call Agents.
Source Endpoint	Enumeration	An enumeration of state indicating the call status, e.g., for SS7, waiting for Address Complete Message ("ACM").
	Timestamp	Used by an independent thread within the Endpoint Manager to determine if the allotted time has expired for next state change; e.g. for SS7, the receipt of an ACM in response to sending an Initial Address Message ("IAM").
	Media Control Device Information	Hardware specific source media control device information; e.g., the compression algorithm in use.
Target Endpoint	CIC	Source ID of target endpoint.
	Telephone #	
	Announcement ID	
	IOR	Target Endpoint Manager Interoperable Object Reference ("IOR").
	Telephone #	Telephone number associated with the target endpoint.
	Media Control Device Information	Hardware specific target gateway information, e.g., the compression algorithm in use.

The above summary serves as a guideline that can be specialized for use with specific types of endpoints.

The call agent cluster preferably stores these connection set descriptors in a connection set descriptor manager 670 and 680, an independent object visible only to the endpoint manager. In a preferred embodiment, the storage is in memory with backups written to disk, and there is one connection set descriptor manager per endpoint manager. Although, in other embodiments, there can be one per call agent cluster.

The endpoint manager 614 and 624 upon receiving a message, determines the connection set descriptor associated with the connection,

determines the appropriate state machine and then forwards both the connection set descriptor and message to the state machine 616 and 626.

State machines 616 and 626, based on the received message and connection set descriptor, determine an associated action (transition) to take using a call model. The call model used by the state machine 616 and 626 depends upon the type of media control device that the call agent cluster exercises control over. For example, a call agent cluster uses an SGCP ingress/egress call model for RGW connection management, while an ISUP call model would be used for TGW connection management. Appendix B provides a call model script for a preferred embodiment.

As shown in Fig. 7, each call agent cluster preferably supports a half call model on either the ingress or egress side of the call. That is, the ingress call agent cluster 710 supports an ingress call model 720, and the egress call agent cluster 730 supports an egress call model 740. In contrast, as shown in Fig. 8, in traditional telephony, both the ingress switch 810 and egress switch 830 support both an ingress call model 820 and 840 and an egress call model 822 and 842, respectively.

After the action is determined, it is taken. This action can involve a sequence of interactions and include transmitting messages to a gateway manager 618 and 628, service broker 418, or an endpoint manager of a peer call agent cluster 614 and 624. In a preferred embodiment, these messages are transmitted over a CORBA software bus using the MCAP protocol.

The state machine can be described as "stateless," meaning that the state machine has no independent knowledge of the state of a connection. It preferably receives this information from the endpoint manager as part of the

connection set descriptor. This permits an endpoint manager to work with a number of different state machines over the course of a connection for management purposes. In addition, it permits the endpoint manager to work with the state machines of different network service providers that may perform unique functions.

The media control device manager 618 and 628 preferably interacts with the state machine 616 and 626 to manage the respective media control device. It accomplishes this by receiving MCAP messages from the state manager 616 and 626, translating them to the appropriate protocol, and transmitting SGCP messages to the respective media control device 410 or 412, respectively.

In addition to the above components, the call agent cluster may also contain a message handler. This component is preferably used for TGW connection management, and there is no counterpart for RGW connection management. The principal function of the message handler is determining which of a plurality of endpoint managers should service the call. Thus, the message handler receives an ISUP message from the message queue, determines which endpoint manager should receive the message, and forwards the message to this endpoint manager.

From an Object Oriented ("OO") perspective, the implementation of similar objects, e.g. the RGW and TGW Message Queues, are candidates for inheritance, meaning the objects inherent to the call agent cluster are designed to be generic in structure and can be reused for handling different protocols. In this way, the implementation can take advantage of the benefits gained from identifying common behavior and design patterns.

Fig. 9 provides a flow diagram for describing the operation of the call agent for setting up a connection between end-users connected to the network via RGWs, such as illustrated in Fig. 5. The process is initialized by the RGW (Step 101). The ingress call agent cluster and the RGW then exchange several messages (Step 102). These messages may include messages to play a dial-tone, collect digits, and enter receive mode. The ingress call agent cluster then sends an MCAP message to the egress call agent cluster regarding setting up a connection between the call agent clusters (Step 103). The internal operations of the call agent clusters are discussed later.

The egress call agent cluster then instructs, using SGCP, the RGW to setup a connection in send/receive mode and start a ringing signal in the subscriber unit (Step 104). After which, the egress call agent cluster sends an MCAP message to the ingress call agent cluster indicating that it created a connection (Step 105). The ingress call agent cluster then instructs, using SGCP, the RGW to start a ringing tone in the subscriber unit (Step 106). When the call is answered, the RGW sends an off-hook message to the egress call agent cluster (Step 107), which is forwarded, using MCAP, to the ingress call agent cluster (Step 108). After which, the ingress call agent cluster, using SGCP, instructs the RGW to enter send/receive mode (Step 109).

Fig. 10, provides a more detailed flow diagram for describing the internal operations of the ingress call agent cluster for the above described RGW to RGW connection set-up. An RGW sends an SGCP message to the message queue of the ingress call agent cluster indicating that it wishes to establish a connection with a second media control device (Step 201). This message is placed in the queue.

The message is then passed to the endpoint manager (Step 202) on a first in first out of the queue basis. The endpoint manager then transmits the connection set descriptor and message to the state machine (Step 203).

The state machine then uses the received message and connection set descriptor to take a specified action, determined by the applicable call model. In this case, the specified action is sending an MCAP message to the endpoint manager of the egress call agent cluster (Step 204). It should be noted that a service broker is used to establish the connection between call agent clusters; the operations of this process are discussed later.

The state machine of the egress call agent cluster then sends an MCAP message to the endpoint manager of the ingress call agent cluster indicating that it set-up a connection with the RGW (Step 205). The endpoint manager forwards this message and the connection set descriptor to the state machine (Step 206). The state machine determines which action to take using this received information and the applicable call model. In this case, the state machine sends an MCAP message to the gateway manager instructing it to instruct the RGW gateway to start ringing (Step 207). After which, the gateway manager sends an SGCP message to the RGW to start ringing (Step 208).

When the call is answered, the state machine of the egress call agent cluster sends a message to the endpoint manager of the ingress call agent cluster indicating that the phone on the egress side is off-hook (Step 209). The endpoint manager then forwards this message along with the associated connection set descriptor to the state machine (Step 210).

The state machine then determines the action to take using this received information. In this case, the state machine transmits an MCAP message to the

gateway manager indicating that the phone has been answered (Step 211). The gateway manager then forwards, using SGCP, this message to the RGW (Step 212).

In a preferred embodiment, call agent cluster objects may be shadowed. For example, a call agent cluster can contain an idle second state machine for use in the event the first state machine fails. Because a CORBA bus is used in the preferred embodiment and state machines are stateless, this second state machine need not share the same hardware environment as the primary object.

Fig. 11 provides a flow diagram for tearing down a connection between RGWs. The process is initialized when an RGW sends an on-hook message to the ingress call agent cluster (Step 301), which is received by the message queue of the call agent cluster and forwarded to the state machine via the endpoint manager. The ingress call agent cluster then instructs the RGW to tear down the connection (Step 302). After which, the ingress call agent cluster sends an MCAP message to the egress call agent cluster (Step 303), which instructs, using SGCP, its RGW to tear down the connection (Step 304). The egress call agent cluster then sends a message to the ingress call agent cluster indicating that the above action was taken (Step 305).

Fig. 12 provides a flow diagram for setting up a TGW to TGW connection. The process is initialized by a switch sending an Initial Address Message ("IAM") message to the ingress call agent cluster indicating it wishes to establish a media session between two subscriber units (Step 401). The ingress call agent cluster then instructs, using SGCP, the TGW on the ingress side to set up a connection in receive mode. (Step 402) The ingress call agent then forwards an MCAP message indicating this information to the egress call

agent cluster (Step 403). After which, the egress call agent cluster instructs, using SGCP, the TGW to set-up a connection in send/receive mode (Step 404). The egress call agent cluster then sends an IAM message to the switch (Step 405). After which, the switch sends an Address Complete Message ("ACM") to the egress call agent cluster (Step 406). The egress call agent cluster then sends an MCAP message to the ingress call agent cluster indicating that it took the requested action (Step 407). The ingress call agent cluster then sends an ACM to the switch (Step 408). After which, the switch sends an Answer Message ("ANM") to the egress call agent cluster (Step 409). The egress call agent cluster then sends an MCAP message to the ingress call agent cluster indicating that the call has been answered (Step 410). After which, the ingress call agent cluster instructs the TGW to enter send/receive mode (Step 411). The ingress call agent cluster then sends an ANM message to the switch (Step 412).

Fig. 13 provides a flow diagram for tearing down a TGW to TGW connection. The process is initialized by a switch sending a Release Message ("REL") to the ingress call agent cluster (Step 501). The ingress call agent cluster then instructs the TGW to tear down the connection (Step 502). After which, the ingress call agent cluster sends an MCAP message to the egress call agent cluster (Step 503). The egress call agent cluster then instructs the TGW to tear down the connection (Step 504). The egress call agent cluster then sends an REL to the switch (Step 505). The switch then sends a Release Confirm ("RLC") to the egress call agent cluster (Step 506). The egress call agent cluster sends an MCAP message to the ingress call agent cluster

indicating that the connection has been released (Step 507). After which, the ingress call agent cluster sends an RLC message to the switch.

Fig. 14, provides a flow diagram for setting-up a connection between an RGW and a TGW. The process is initialized by the RGW and ingress call agent cluster exchanging several SGCP messages relating to setting up a connection. (Step 601). These messages include messages related to playing a dial-tone, collecting digits and entering receive mode. The ingress call agent cluster then sends an MCAP message to the egress call agent cluster indicating it wishes to set-up a media session (Step 602). The egress call agent cluster then instructs the TGW to set up a connection in send/receive mode (Step 603). After which, the egress call agent cluster constructs an IAM and sends it to the switch (Step 604). The switch then sends an ACM to the egress call agent cluster (Step 605). The egress call agent cluster then sends an MCAP message to the ingress call agent cluster indicating that it took the above action (Step 606). The ingress call agent cluster then instructs the RGW to start a ringing tone (Step 607). The switch then sends an ANM to the egress call agent cluster (Step 608). After which, the egress call agent cluster sends an MCAP message indicating that the call was answered to the ingress call agent cluster (Step 609). The ingress call agent cluster then instructs the RGW to enter send/receive mode (Step 610).

Fig. 15 provides a flow diagram for tearing down an RGW to TGW connection. The RGW initializes the process by sending an on-hook message to the ingress call agent cluster (Step 701), which instructs the RGW to tear down the connection (Step 702). The ingress call agent cluster then sends an MCAP message to the egress call agent cluster instructing it to tear down the

connection (Step 703). After which, the egress call agent cluster instructs the TGW to tear down the connection by sending it an SGCP message (Step 704). The egress call agent cluster then constructs a REL and sends it to the switch (Step 705). After which, the switch sends an RLC to the egress call agent cluster (Step 706). The egress call agent cluster then sends an MCAP message to the ingress call agent cluster indicating that the connection has been released (Step 707).

Fig. 16 provides a flow diagram for setting up a TGW to RGW connection. The switch initializes the process by sending an IAM to the ingress call agent cluster (Step 801). After which, the ingress call agent cluster instructs the TGW to set-up a connection in receive mode (Step 802). The ingress call agent cluster then sends an MCAP message to the egress call agent cluster regarding establishing a connection (Step 803). The egress call agent cluster then instructs the RGW to setup a connection in send/receive mode and start a ringing signal (Step 804). After which, the egress call agent cluster sends an MCAP message to the ingress call agent cluster indicating that it took the above action (Step 805). The egress call agent cluster then constructs an ACM and sends it to the switch (Step 806). The RGW then sends an off-hook message to the egress call agent cluster (Step 807). The egress call agent cluster then sends an MCAP message to the ingress call agent cluster indicating that the call was answered. (Step 808). The ingress call agent cluster then instructs the TGW to enter send/receive mode (Step 809). After which, the ingress call agent cluster constructs an ANM and sends it to the switch (Step 810).

Fig. 17, provides a flow diagram for tearing down a TGW to RGW connection. The switch initializes the process by sending a REL to the ingress

call agent cluster (Step 901). The ingress call agent cluster then instructs the TGW to tear down the connection (Step 902). The ingress call agent cluster then sends an MCAP message to the egress call agent cluster indicating that the connection is to be torn down. (Step 903). The egress call agent cluster then instructs the TGW to tear down the connection (Step 904). The egress call agent cluster then sends an MCAP message to the ingress call agent cluster indicating that the connection was released (Step 905). After which, the ingress call agent cluster constructs an RLC and sends it to the switch (Step 906).

The call agent uses a service broker for establishing communications between an ingress and egress call agent cluster. When a subscriber unit wishes to establish communications with another subscriber unit, the ingress call agent cluster forwards the information to an ingress service broker. The ingress service broker performs an algorithm for determining the egress service broker for the egress call agent cluster of the subscriber unit it wishes to establish communications with. The egress service broker then performs an algorithm for determining the appropriate egress call agent cluster. The service brokers use routing engines for performing these algorithms, which use a routing table, a look-up table, for determining the appropriate information. In addition, the routing performs the functions of digit translation and classifying the connection (e.g., is it a 800 call or long distance call).

In a preferred embodiment, the proper execution of the routing engine is assured by, during initialization, loading into a table in a high speed database the egress call agent cluster's endpoint manager's Interoperable Object Reference ("IOR"). In a preferred embodiment, the table points to a relationship

between a given endpoint manager's IOR and a route path for a media session. The routing engine consults with this table and, depending on the number dialed, selects the appropriated endpoint manager's IOR and routes MCAP messages to it to establish a connection.

Fig. 18 provides a flow diagram for this process. Once a call agent cluster receives a request from a subscriber unit to establish communications with a second subscriber unit, the message is forwarded from an endpoint manager to the state machine, as discussed above (Step 1001). The state machine then forwards this request using MCAP to the ingress service broker (Step 1002). The ingress service broker, using a routing engine, determines the appropriate egress service broker and forwards the request to it using MCAP (Step 1003). The egress service broker then, using a routing engine, determines the appropriate egress call agent cluster and, using MCAP, forwards the message to its endpoint manager (Step 1004). After which, the ingress and egress call agent clusters communicate directly with one another (Step 1005).

In a preferred embodiment, a network resource data base stores information regarding the network. This network resource database is coupled to the CORBA bus. As such, the service brokers and call agent clusters can access this database.

In addition to the above described call agent and SS7 gateways, the IGCS may include a call agent manager 186, accounting gateway 182 announcement server 184, and an IGCS management agent 188.

The accounting gateway 182 in a preferred embodiment is a media control device by which start/stop call records are disseminated to a central

point where they are translated from CORBA into Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service ("RADIUS"), then translated into industry standard BAF records for distribution to back-end billing systems. As shown in Fig. 2, the accounting gateway 182, in a preferred embodiment, communicates with a call agent cluster 210 of a call agent 160.

In a preferred embodiment, the announcement server 184 is a media control device which responds to SGCP messages by playing recorded announcements. As shown in Fig. 2, the announcement server communicates with a call agent cluster 210 of a call agent 160.

The call agent manager 186 is directly responsible for the local management of the call agent, for example: displaying the state of the call agent components, displaying alarms reported by the call agent components and object control, such as shutdown.

The IGCS management agent 188 of a preferred embodiment manages all IGCS components including the call agent clusters, network resource database, accounting gateway and announcement server.

In a preferred embodiment, the overall network management software is capable of displaying usage statistics accumulated in the call agent clusters. A call agent of a preferred embodiment is designed to be Simple Network Management Protocol ("SNMP") manageable by any third party SNMP management software, e.g., HP open view. The architecture allows for SNMP sets, gets, and traps to be sent to a call agent SNMP agent whose function is the gathering of statistics via CORBA method invocations executed against call agent cluster objects. Also, SNMP sets are handled via method invocations that update data in the call agent cluster.

While it has been illustrated and described what are at present considered to be preferred embodiments and methods of the present invention, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that various changes and modifications may be made, and equivalents may be substituted for elements thereof without departing from the true scope of the invention.

In addition, many modifications may be made to adapt a particular element, technique or implementation to the teachings of the present invention without departing from the central scope of the invention. Therefore, it is intended that this invention not be limited to the particular embodiments and methods disclosed herein, but that the invention include all embodiments falling within the scope of the appended claims.

Appendix A

The Multi Call Agent Protocol (MCAP) is designed to provide two capabilities:

1. Core information, logically grouped in the following categories:

Session Management	A session ties users (calling party and called party) together, who are identified by such means as the calling number and the called number.
Connection Management	A call is composed of a set of connections, each of which ties together a pair of Call Agent Clusters. The associated resources are keyed by a globally unique ID.
Gateway Management	A Call Agent controls a specific connection on an associated gateway by exchanging information keyed by a locally unique ID.
Routing Management	Routing specific information, e.g. toll-free number translation.
Service Management	Both the calling party and the called party can have specific services with potential interactions. The Service Execution Engine identifies the associated services and determines their application.
Parameter	MCAP message specific information; e.g. version.

2. A tunnel for messages of a specific protocol that can be carried as a payload either in a native or a parsed format. The native format is the given octet stream; the parsed format is the representation of the given octet stream in the MCAP definition language.

The following primitive message types can support these capabilities.

MCAP_CREATE	Create a new connection between Call Agent Clusters.
MCAP_EVENT	Indicate an event that occurs during the lifetime of a connection. This can serve as, for example, an acknowledgement or an indication of connection state change.
MCAP_DELETE	Delete an existing connection between Call Agent Clusters.
MCAP_TUNNEL	Tunnel, i.e. passthrough, a specific protocol message from one Call Agent Cluster to another without providing other information.

Arguably, MCAP_CREATE and MCAP_DELETE can be subsumed by MCAP_EVENT, but it is useful to distinguish these actions. MCAP_TUNNEL is provided to generically accommodate the needs of a specific protocol.

Informally, MCAP is summarized as follows:

Information Category	MCAP Message			
	MCAP_CREATE	MCAP_EVENT	MCAP_DELETE	MCAP_TUNNEL
Session	Calling Number <i>Calling Name</i> Called Number			
Connection	Call ID Return Address	Call ID Return Address	Call ID	Call ID
Gateway	Connection Descriptor	<i>Connection Descriptor</i>		
Routing	Parameter			
Service	Parameters			
Parameter	Parameter	Parameter	Parameter	
Tunnel	<i>Protocol Type</i> <i>Message Type</i> <i>Message</i>	<i>Protocol Type</i> <i>Message Type</i> Message	<i>Protocol Type</i> <i>Message Type</i> <i>Message</i>	Protocol Type Message Type Message

Notes

- Italicized items are optional; others are mandatory.
- The Call ID is a globally unique value defined by the Call Agent that is associated with the connection throughout its duration. It is used as the key to identify the associated resources.
- The return address is the handle to be used by the receiver to locate the sender in the event that subsequent messaging is needed.

- The Connection Descriptor contains the Connection ID, which is locally defined and used by the gateway, and specific Real Time Protocol (RTP) parameters; e.g. encoding method.
- The tunnel message can be in either parsed or native format.

The initial MCAP version was primarily the result of empirical work done in the development of the Call Agent. This version reflects the next step in addressing challenge presented by rapidly evolving Internet Protocol (IP) Telephony technology.

The formal MCAP reference definition uses the Common Object Request Broker Architecture (CORBA) 2.0 [1] [2] Interface Definition Language (IDL) for the high level description and the associated Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP) for the low-level "wire" encoding. This is similar to the use of Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1) [3] [4] and the companion Basic Encoding Rules (BER) [4] [5]: the protocol designer is able to described structured information in a high-level, machine independent language and then mechanically derive the actual encoding. CORBA is chosen because it is used in the implementation of the Call Agent and has widespread interest and support throughout the industry.

This version of MCAP supports the following tunnel protocols:

- Simple Gateway Control Protocol (SGCP) [6].
- Integrated Services Digital Network User Part (ISUP) [7].

The complete MCAP IDL is presented in:

- Appendix A1: *MCAP IDL*
- Appendix A2 : *VOIP Gateway IDL*
- Appendix A3: *Routing IDL*
- Appendix A4: *Service IDL*
- Appendix A5: *Parameter IDL*
- Appendix A6: *SGCP Tunnel IDL*
- Appendix A7: *ISUP Tunnel IDL*
- Appendix A8: *ISUP Message IDL*

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Appendix A1: MCAP IDL

```

#include "mcapVoipGateway.idl"
#include "mcapRouting.idl"
#include "mcapService.idl"
#include "mcapParameter.idl"
#include "mcapSgcpTunnel.idl"
#include "mcapIsupTunnel.idl"

module Mcap {
    //
    // MCAP version
    //

    const string version = "2.0";

    //
    // tunnel message definition
    //

    enum ProtocolType {
        SGCP,
        ISUP
    };

    union TunnelMessage switch (ProtocolType) {
        case SGCP: McapSgcpTunnel::SgcpTunnelMessage
sgcpTunnelMessage;
        case ISUP: McapIsupTunnel::IsupTunnelMessage
isupTunnelMessage;
    };

    union OptionalTunnelMessage switch (boolean) {
        case TRUE: TunnelMessage tunnelMessage;
    };

    //
    // MCAP message definition
    //

    union OptionalCallingName switch (boolean) {
        case TRUE: string callingName;
    };

    union OptionalCallingEmailAddress switch (boolean) {
        case TRUE: string callingEmailAddress;
    };

    union OptionalConnectionDescriptor switch (boolean) {

```

```

        case TRUE: McapVoipGateway::ConnectionDescriptor
connectionDescriptor;
    };

    typedef sequence <McapService::ServiceParameter>
ServiceParameters;

    struct McapCreateMessage {
        // version
        string                version;

        // session data
        string                callingNumber;
        OptionalCallingName   callingName;
        string                calledNumber;

        // connection data
        string                callId;
        Object                returnAddress;

        // gateway data
        McapVoipGateway::ConnectionDescriptor connectionDescriptor;

        // no routing data

        // service data
        ServiceParameters     serviceParameters;

        // parameter data
        McapParameter::CreateParameter createParameter;

        // tunnel data
        OptionalTunnelMessage   tunnelMessage;
    };

    struct McapEventMessage {
        // version
        string                version;

        // no session data

        // connection data
        string                callId;
        Object                returnAddress;

        // gateway data
        OptionalConnectionDescriptor connectionDescriptor;

        // no routing data

```



```

// no service data

// parameter data
McapParameter::EventParameter      eventParameter;

// tunnel data
OptionalTunnelMessage              tunnelMessage;
};

struct McapDeleteMessage {
// version
string                             version;

// no session data

// connection data
string                             callId;

// no gateway data

// no routing data

// no service data

// parameter data
McapParameter::DeleteParameter      deleteParameter;

// tunnel data
OptionalTunnelMessage              tunnelMessage;
};

struct McapTunnelMessage {
// version
string                             version;

// no session data

// connection data
string                             callId;

// no gateway data

// no routing data

// no service data

// no parameter data

// tunnel data
TunnelMessage                      tunnelMessage;

```

```
};  
  
interface McapListener {  
    void mcapCreate(in McapCreateMessage msg);  
    void mcapEvent(in McapEventMessage msg);  
    void mcapDelete(in McapDeleteMessage msg);  
    void mcapTunnel(in McapTunnelMessage msg);  
};  
};
```

Appendix A2: VOIP Gateway IDL

```
module McapVoipGateway {
    enum AudioState {
        ON,
        OFF,
        UNDEFINED
    };

    enum Mode {
        SEND_ONLY,
        RECV_ONLY,
        SEND_RECV
    };

    union OptionalMode switch (boolean) {
        case TRUE: Mode mode;
    };

    struct ConnectionOptions {
        short      samplePeriod;    // msecs
        string      encodingMethod;
        AudioState  audioState;
        OptionalMode mode;
        short      bandwidth;       // KB
    };

    struct ConnectionDescriptor {
        string      connectionId;
        ConnectionOptions connectionOptions;
        string      sdpSessionDescriptor;
    };
};
```

Appendix A3: Routing IDL

```
module McapRouting {  
    enum RoutingType {  
        REQUEST,  
        ANNOUNCEMENT,  
        ROUTE,  
        CONNECT  
    };  
  
    struct Request Data {  
        string clusterId;  
        boolean onNet;  
    };  
  
    union RoutingData switch (RoutingType) {  
        case REQUEST: RequestData requestData;  
    };  
  
    struct RoutingParameter {  
        RoutingType type;  
        RoutingData data;  
    };  
};
```

Appendix A4: Service IDL

```
module McapService {
    enum ServiceType {
        CALLER_ID_BLOCKING,
        CALL_FORWARDING
    };

    struct CallerIdBlockingData {
        boolean block;
    };

    struct CallForwardingData {
        unsigned long hopCounter;
        Object returnAddress;
    };

    union ServiceData switch (ServiceType) {
        case CALLER_ID_BLOCKING: CallerIdBlockingData
callerIdBlockingData;
        case CALL_FORWARDING: CallForwardingData
callForwardingData;
    };

    struct ServiceParameter {
        ServiceType type;
        ServiceData data;
    };
};
```

Appendix A5: Parameter IDL

```
module McapParameter {  
    //  
    // MCAP_CREATE parameter  
    //  
    enum CreateType {  
        CALL,  
        ANNOUNCEMENT  
    };  
  
    struct AnnouncementData {  
        long id;  
    };  
  
    union CreateData switch (CreateType) {  
        case ANNOUNCEMENT: AnnouncementData announcementData;  
    };  
  
    struct CreateParameter {  
        CreateType type;  
        CreateData data;  
    };  
  
    //  
    // MCAP_EVENT parameter  
    //  
    enum EventType {  
        CREATED,  
        ANSWERED,  
        SUSPEND,  
        RESUME,  
        RELEASED  
    };  
  
    struct EventParameter {  
        EventType type;  
    };  
  
    //  
    // MCAP_DELETE parameter  
    //  
    struct DeleteParameter {  
        unsigned long cause;  
    };  
};
```

```
};  
  
//  
// MCAP_TUNNEL parameter  
//  
  
// no parameter defined  
};
```

Appendix A6: SGCP Tunnel IDL

```
module McapSgcpTunnel {  
    enum SgcpMessageType {  
        NULL  
    };  
  
    struct SgcpTunnelMessage {  
        SgcpMessageType messageType;  
    };  
};
```


Appendix A7: ISUP Tunnel IDL

```
#include "mcaplsupMessage.idl"
```

```
module McaplsupTunnel {
  enum IsupMessageType {
    ACM, ANM, BLO, BLA, CCR,
    CFN, CGB, CGBA, CGU, CGUA,
    COT, CPG, CQM, CQR, CRA,
    CRM, CVR, CVT, EXM, FAC,
    FOT, GRA, GRS, IAM, INF,
    INR, LBA, PAM, REL, RES,
    RLC, RSC, SUS, UBA, UBL,
    USIS
  };

  union ParsedIsupMessage switch (IsupMessageType) {
    case ACM: McaplsupMessage::ACMMessage    acmMessage;
    case ANM: McaplsupMessage::ANMMessage    anmMessage;
    // BLO  no parameters
    // BLA  no parameters
    // CCR  no parameters
    case CFN: McaplsupMessage::CFNMessage    cfnMessage;
    case CGB: McaplsupMessage::CGBMessage    cgbMessage;
    case CGBA: McaplsupMessage::CGBAMessage  cgbaMessage;
    case CGU: McaplsupMessage::CGUMessage    cguMessage;
    case CGUA: McaplsupMessage::CGUAMessage  cguaMessage;
    case COT: McaplsupMessage::COTMessage    cotMessage;
    case CPG: McaplsupMessage::CPGMessage    cpgMessage;
    case CQM: McaplsupMessage::CQMMessage    cqmMessage;
    case CQR: McaplsupMessage::CQRMessage    cqrMessage;
    // CRA  no parameters
    case CRM: McaplsupMessage::CRMMessage    crmMessage;
    case CVR: McaplsupMessage::CVRMessage    cvrMessage;
    // CVR  no parameters
    case EXM: McaplsupMessage::EXMMessage    exmMessage;
    case FOT: McaplsupMessage::FOTMessage    fotMessage;
    // FAC  no parameters
    case GRA: McaplsupMessage::GRAMessage    graMessage;
    case GRS: McaplsupMessage::GRSMessage    grsMessage;
    case IAM: McaplsupMessage::IAMMessage    iamMessage;
    case INF: McaplsupMessage::INFMessage    infMessage;
    case INR: McaplsupMessage::INRMessage    inrMessage;
    // LBA  no parameters
    // PAM  no parameters
    case REL: McaplsupMessage::RELMessage    relMessage;
    case RES: McaplsupMessage::RESMessage    resMessage;
```

```
// RLC  no parameters
// RSC  no parameters
case SUS: McapIsupMessage::SUSMessage  susMessage;
// UBA  no parameters
// UBL  no parameters
// USIS no parameters
};

typedef sequence<octet> UnparsedIsupMessage;

union IsupMessage switch (boolean) {
    case TRUE: ParsedIsupMessage  parsedIsupMessage;
    case FALSE: UnparsedIsupMessage unparsedIsupMessage;
};

struct IsupTunnelMessage {
    IsupMessageType messageType;
    IsupMessage      message;
};
};
```

Appendix A8: ISUP Message IDL

```
module IsupMessage {  
  
    //  
    //  
    // Beginning of ISUP Parameter Definition Section  
    //  
    //  
  
    typedef sequence<octet> bytes;  
  
    //  
    // Access Transport  
    //  
  
    struct ACCESS_TRANSPORT {  
        sequence<string> parmNames;  
        sequence<bytes> parmValues;  
        bytes accessTransport;  
    };  
  
    //  
    // Automatic Congestion Level  
    //  
  
    enum AUTOMATIC_CONGESTION_LEVEL {  
        SPARE,  
        LEVEL1,  
        LEVEL2,  
        LEVEL3  
    };  
  
    //  
    // Backward Call Indicator  
    //  
  
    enum CHARGE_INDICATOR {  
        NO_INDICATION,  
        NO_CHARGE,  
        CHARGE,  
        SPARE  
    };  
  
    enum CALLED_PARTY_STATUS_INDICATOR {  
        NO_INDICATION,  
        SUBSCRIBER_FREE,  

```

```
.CONNECT_WHEN_FREE,  
EXCESSIVE_DELAY  
};  
  
enum CALLED_PARTY_CATEGORY_INDICATOR {  
    NO_INDICATION,  
    ORDINARY_SUBSCRIBER,  
    PAY_PHONE,  
    SPARE  
};  
  
enum END_TO_END_METHOD_INDICATOR {  
    NO_END_TO_END_METHOD,  
    PASS_ALONG_METHOD,  
    SCCP_METHOD,  
    PASS_ALONG_AND_SCCP_METHOD  
};  
  
enum INTERWORKING_INDICATOR {  
    NO_INTERWORKING,  
    INTERWORKING  
};  
  
enum IAM_SEGMENTATION_INDICATOR {  
    NO_INDICATION,  
    ADDITIONAL_INFO_ADDED  
};  
  
enum ISDN_USER_PART_INDICATOR {  
    ISUP_UNUSED,  
    ISUP_USED  
};  
  
enum HOLDING_INDICATOR {  
    HOLDING_NOT_REQUIRED,  
    HOLDING_REQUIRED  
};  
  
enum ISDN_ACCESS_INDICATOR {  
    TERMINATING_ACCESS_NON_ISDN,  
    TERMINATING_ACCESS_ISDN,  
    ORIGINATING_ACCESS_NON_ISDN,  
    ORIGINATING_ACCESS_ISDN  
};  
  
enum ECHO_CONTROL_DEVICE_INDICATOR {  
    INCOMING_HALF_ECHO_DEV_NOT_INCLUDED,  
    INCOMING_HALF_ECHO_DEV_INCLUDED,  
    OUTGOING_HALF_ECHO_DEV_NOT_INCLUDED,  
    OUTGOING_HALF_ECHO_DEV_INCLUDED
```

```
};

enum SCCP_METHOD_INDICATOR {
    NO_INDICATION,
    CONNECTIONLESS,
    CONNECTION_ORIENTED,
    CONNECTIONLESS_AND_CONNECTION_ORIENTED_METHOD
};

struct BACKWARD_CALL_INDICATOR {
    CHARGE_INDICATOR chargeIndicator;
    CALLED_PARTY_STATUS_INDICATOR calledPartyStsInd;
    CALLED_PARTY_CATEGORY_INDICATOR calledPartyCatInd;
    END_TO_END_METHOD_INDICATOR endToEndMethodInd;
    INTERWORKING_INDICATOR interworkingInd;
    IAM_SEGMENTATION_INDICATOR iamSegInd;
    ISDN_USER_PART_INDICATOR isdnUserInd;
    HOLDING_INDICATOR holdingInd;
    ISDN_ACCESS_INDICATOR isdnAccessInd;
    ECHO_CONTROL_DEVICE_INDICATOR echoControlDevInd;
    SCCP_METHOD_INDICATOR sccpMethodInd;
};

//
// Business Group
//

enum PARTY_SELECTOR {
    NO_INDICATION,
    CALLING_PARTY_NUMBER,
    CALLED_PARTY_NUMBER,
    CONNECTED_PARTY_NUMBER,
    REDIRECTING_NUMBER,
    ORIGINAL_CALLED_NUMBER,
    SPARE
};

enum LINE_PRIVILEGE_INFO_IND {
    FIXED_LINE_PRIVILEGE,
    CUSTOMER_DEFINED_LINE_PRIVILEGE
};

enum BUSINESS_GROUP_ID_TYPE {
    MULTILLOCATION_ID,
    INTERWORKING_ID
};

enum ATTENDANT_STATUS {
    NO_INDICATION,
    ATTENDANT_LINE
};
```

```
};
```

```
enum BUSINESS_GROUP_ID {  
    NO_INDICATION,  
    PUBLIC_NETWORK,  
    NETWORK_DEPENDENT  
};
```

```
enum SUBGROUP_ID {  
    NO_SUBGROUP,  
    SUBGROUP  
};
```

```
enum TERMINATING_LINE_PRIVILEGES {  
    NOTPRESENT,  
    UNRESTRICTED,  
    SEMIRESTRICTED,  
    FULLY_RESTRICTED,  
    FULLY_RESTRICTED_INTRASWITCH,  
    DENIED,  
    SPARE  
};
```

```
enum ORIGINATING_RESTRICTIONS {  
    NOTPRESENT,  
    UNRESTRICTED,  
    SEMIRESTRICTED,  
    FULLY_RESTRICTED,  
    FULLY_RESTRICTED_INTRASWITCH,  
    DENIED,  
    SPARE  
};
```

```
struct BUSINESS_GROUP {  
    PARTY_SELECTOR partySelector;  
    LINE_PRIVILEGE_INFO_IND linePriInfoInd;  
    BUSINESS_GROUP_ID_TYPE businessGrpIDType;  
    ATTENDANT_STATUS attendantSts;  
    BUSINESS_GROUP_ID businessGrpID;  
    bytes BUSINESS_GROUP_ID_network_dependant;  
    SUBGROUP_ID subgroupID;  
    bytes SUBGROUP_ID_subgroup;  
    TERMINATING_LINE_PRIVILEGES terminatingLinePri;  
    ORIGINATING_RESTRICTIONS origRestriction;  
    octet customer_defined_line_pri_code;  
};
```

```
//  
// Call Reference  
//
```

```
struct CALL_REFERENCE {
    bytes CALL_IDENTITY_NUMBER;
    bytes POINT_CODE;
};

//
// Called Party Number
// Calling Party Number
//

enum NATURE_OF_ADDRESS_INDICATOR_TYPE1 {
    SUBSCRIBER_NUMBER,
    NATIONAL,
    INTERNATIONAL_NUMBER,
    ABBREVIATED_NUMBER
};

enum NATURE_OF_ADDRESS_INDICATOR_TYPE2 {
    SPARE,
    UNIQUE_SUBSCRIBER_NUMBER,
    RESERVED_FOR_NATIONAL_USE,
    UNIQUE_NATIONAL_SIG_NUMBER,
    UNIQUE_INTERNATIONAL_NUMBER,
    NONUNIQUE_SUBSCRIBER_NUMBER,
    NONUNIQUE_NATIONAL_NUMBER,
    NONUNIQUE_INTERNATIONAL_NUMBER,
    TEST_LINE_CODE,
    RESERVED_FOR_NETWORK_SPECIFIC
};

enum NATURE_OF_ADDRESS_INDICATOR_TYPE3 {
    SPRARE,
    SUBSCRIBER_NUMBER,
    RESERVED_FOR_NATIONAL_USE,
    NATIONAL_SIGNIFICANT_NUMBER,
    INTERNATIONAL_NUMBER,
    OP_REQ_SUBSCRIBER_NUMBER,
    OP_REQ_NATIONAL_NUMBER,
    OP_REQ_INTERNATIONAL_NUMBER,
    OP_REQ_NO_NUMBER_PRESENT,
    NO_NUMBER_PRESENT_CUT_THROUGH_CALL_TO_CARRIER,
    CALL_FROM_LOCAL_EXCHANGE,
    TEST_LINE_CODE,
    RESERVED_FOR_NETWORK_SPECIFIC
};

enum NATURE_OF_ADDRESS_INDICATOR_TYPE4 {
    NATIONAL_SIGNIFICANT_NUMBER
};
```

```
enum ODD_EVEN_BIT {
    EVEN,
    ODD
};

enum NUMBERING_PLAN {
    UNKNOWN,
    ISDN,
    SPARE,
    ITU_TS_DATA,
    ITU_TS_TELEX,
    PRIVATE
};

enum SCREENING {
    USER_PROVIDED_NOT_SCREENED,
    USER_PROVIDED_SCREENING_PASSED,
    USER_PROVIDED_SCREENING_FAILED,
    NETWORK_PROVIDED
};

enum PRESENTATION
{
    PRESENTATION_ALLOWED,
    PRESENTATION_RESTRICTED,
    SPARE
};

struct CALLED_PARTY_NUMBER {
    ODD_EVEN_BIT oddEvenBit;
    NATURE_OF_ADDRESS_INDICATOR_TYPE3 addressNatureInd;
    NUMBERING_PLAN numberingPlan;
    string addressSignal;
};

struct CALLING_PARTY_NUMBER {
    NATURE_OF_ADDRESS_INDICATOR_TYPE2 addressNatureInd;
    ODD_EVEN_BIT oddEvenBit;
    SCREENING screen;
    PRESENTATION presentation;
    NUMBERING_PLAN numberingPlan;
    string addressSignal;
};

//
// Calling Party Category
//

enum CALLING_PARTY_CATEGORY {
```



```
CALLING_PARTYS_CATEGORY_UNKNOWN,
FRENCH_LANGUAGE_OPERATOR,
ENGLISH_LANGUAGE_OPERATOR,
GERMAN_LANGUAGE_OPERATOR,
RUSSIAN_LANGUAGE_OPERATOR,
SPANISH_LANGUAGE_OPERATOR,
NATIONAL_NETWORKS_OPERATOR_SERVICE,
ORDINARY_CALLING_SUBSCRIBER,
CALLING_SUBSCRIBER_WITH_PRIORITY,
DATA_CALL,
TEST_CALL,
PAY_PHONE,
EMERGENCY_SERVICE_CALL_IN_PROGRESS,
HIGH_PRIORITY_CALL_INDICATION,
NSEP_CALL,
NETWORK_SPECIFIC_USE,
RESERVED
};

//
// Carrier Identification
//

enum CI_NETWORK_IDENTIFICATION_PLAN {
    UNKNOWN,
    THREE_DIGIT_CARRIER_IDENT_CODE,
    FOUR_DIGIT_CARRIER_IDENT_CODE,
    SPARE
};

enum CI_TYPE_OF_NETWORK_IDENTIFICATION {
    SPARE,
    NATIONAL_NETWORK_IDENTIFICATION
};

struct CARRIER_IDENTIFICATION {
    CI_NETWORK_IDENTIFICATION_PLAN networkIdentPlan;
    CI_TYPE_OF_NETWORK_IDENTIFICATION typeOfNetwork;
    string carrierID;
};

//
// Carrier Selection
//

enum CARRIER_SELECTION {
    NO_INDICATION,
    SUBS_DESIGNATED_PRESELECTED_CARRIER,
    SUBS_DESIGNATED_INPUT_CARRIER,
    SUBS_DESIGNATED_UNDETERMINED_CARRIER,
```

```
DESIGNATED_BY_CALLER_CARRIER,  
SPARE,  
RESERVED
```

```
};
```

```
//  
// Cause Indicator  
//
```

```
enum CI_LOCATION {  
    USER,  
    LOCAL_PRIVATE_NETWORK,  
    LOCAL_LOCAL_NETWORK,  
    TRANSIT_NETWORK,  
    REMOTE_LOCAL_NETWORK,  
    REMOTE_PRIVATE_NETWORK,  
    INTERNATIONAL_NETWORK,  
    UNKNOWN,  
    SPARE  
};
```

```
enum CI_CODING_STANDARD {  
    ITU_TS_STANDARD,  
    RESERVED_FOR_INTL,  
    ANSI_STANDARD,  
    RESERVED  
};
```

```
struct CAUSE_INDICATORS {  
    sequence<CI_LOCATION> location;  
    sequence<CI_CODING_STANDARD> codingStandard;  
    boolean diagnosticsFlag;  
    bytes causeValue;  
    bytes diagnostics;  
};
```

```
//  
// Charge Number  
//
```

```
enum CN_NATURE_OF_ADDR_IND {  
    ANICallingSubNumber,  
    ANICallingNotAvail,  
    ANICallingNatNumber,  
    ANICalledSubNumber,  
    ANICalledNotAvail,  
    ANICalledNatNumber  
};
```

```
struct CHARGE_NUMBER {
```

```
CN_NATURE_OF_ADDR_IND natureOfAddrInd;
ODD_EVEN_BIT oddEvenBit;
NUMBERING_PLAN numberingPlan;
string addressSignal;
};

//
// Circuit Assignment Map
//

enum CIRCUIT_ASSIGNMENT_MAP_TYPE {
    DS1
};

enum CIRCUIT_ASSIGNMENT_MAP_STATUS {
    CIRCUIT_USED,
    CIRCUIT_NOT_USED
};

typedef sequence<CIRCUIT_ASSIGNMENT_MAP_STATUS>
CIRCUIT_ASSIGNMENT_MAP_STATUS_ARRAY;

struct CIRCUIT_ASSIGNMENT_MAP {
    CIRCUIT_ASSIGNMENT_MAP_TYPE type;
    CIRCUIT_ASSIGNMENT_MAP_STATUS_ARRAY status_array;
};

//
// Circuit Group Characteristics Indicator
//

enum CGCI_CARRIERINDICATOR {
    Unknown,
    Analog,
    Digital,
    DigitalAndAnalog
};

enum CGCI_DOUBLESEIZINGCTRLIND {
    NoCktCtrl,
    OddCIC,
    EvenCIC,
    AllCktCtrl
};

enum CGCI_ALARM_CARRIERIND {
    Unknown,
    SoftwareHandling,
    HardwareHandling
};
```

```
enum CGCI_CONTINUITYCHKREQIND {
    Unknown,
    None,
    Statistical,
    PerCall
};

struct CKT_GRP_CHAR_INDICATORS {
    CGCI_CARRIERINDICATOR carrierIndicator;
    CGCI_DOUBLESEIZINGCTRLIND doubleSeizingCtrlInd;
    CGCI_ALARM_CARRIERIND alarmCarrierInd;
    CGCI_CONTINUITYCHKREQIND continuityChkReqInd;
};

//
// Circuit Group Supervision Message Type Indicator
//

enum CGSMTI_BLOCKINGTYPEIND {
    WithoutRelease,
    WithImmediateRelease,
    RsvdForNationalUse
};

struct CKT_GRP_SUPERVISION_MSG_TYPE_IND {
    CGSMTI_BLOCKINGTYPEIND blockingTypeInd;
};

//
// Circuit Identification Name
//

struct CKT_IDENT_NAME {
    string trunkNumber;
    string CLLI_A;
    string CLLI_Z;
};

//
// Circuit State Indicator
//

enum CKT_STATE_IND {
    Transient,
    Unequiped,
    IncomingBusyActive,
    IncomingBusyLocallyBlocked,
    IncomingBusyRemotelyBlocked,
```

```
IncomingBusyLocalAndRemoteBlocked,
OutgoingBusyActive,
OutgoingBusyLocallyBlocked,
OutgoingBusyRemotelyBlocked,
OutgoingBusyLocalAndRemoteBlocked,
Idle,
IdleLocallyBlocked,
IdleRemotelyBlocked,
IdleLocalAndRemoteBlocked
};

typedef sequence<CKT_STATE_IND> CKT_STATE_IND_ARRAY;

//
// Circuit Validation Response Indicator
//

enum CVRI_STATE {
    Successful,
    Failure
};

struct CKT_VALID_RESPONSE_IND {
    CVRI_STATE state;
};

//
// Common Language Location Indicator
//

struct CLLI_STRUCT {
    string town;
    string state;
    string building;
    string building_subdivision;
};

//
// Connection Request
//

struct CONNECTION_REQUEST{
    bytes localReference;
    bytes pointCode;
    octet protocolClass;
    octet credit;
};

//
// Continuity Indicators
```

```
//

enum CONTINUITY_INDICATORS {
    CONTINUITY_CHECK_FAILED,
    CONTINUITY_CHECK_SUCCESSFUL
};

//
// Event Information
//

enum EVENT_INDICATOR {
    SPARE,
    ALERTING,
    PROGRESS,
    IN_BAND_INFO,
    CALL_FORWARDED_ON_BUSY,
    CALL_FORWARDED_ON_NO_REPLY,
    CALL_FORWARDED_UNCONDITIONAL,
    NOTIFICATION_FOR_SUPP_SRVC,
    SERVICE_INFO_INCLUDED,
    RESERVER
};

enum EVENT_PRESENTATION {
    NO_INDICATION,
    PRESENTATION_RESTRICTED
};

struct EVENT_INFORMATION {
    EVENT_INDICATOR eventIndicator;
    EVENT_PRESENTATION eventPresentation;
};

//
// Forward Call Indicators
//

enum INCOMING_INTERNATIONAL_CALL_INDICATOR {
    NOT_AN_INCOMING_INTERNATIONAL_CALL,
    INCOMING_INTERNATIONAL_CALL
};

enum ISDN_USER_PART_PREFERENCE_INDICATOR {
    ISUP_PREFERED_ALL_THE_WAY,
    ISUP_NOT_REQUIRED_ALL_THE_WAY,
    ISUP_REQUIRED_ALL_THE_WAY
};

enum PORTED_NUMBER_TRANSLATION_INDICATOR {
```

```

    NOT_TRANSLATED,
    TRANSLATED
};

```

```

struct FORWARD_CALL_INDICATORS {
    INCOMING_INTERNATIONAL_CALL_INDICATOR
incoming_International_Call_Indicator;
    END_TO_END_METHOD_INDICATOR
end_To_End_Method_Indicator;
    INTERWORKING_INDICATOR interworking_Indicator;
    IAM_SEGMENTATION_INDICATOR iam_Segmentation_Indicator;
    ISDN_USER_PART_INDICATOR isdn_User_Part_Indicator;
    ISDN_USER_PART_PREFERENCE_INDICATOR
isdn_User_Part_Preference_Indicator;
    ISDN_ACCESS_INDICATOR isdn_Access_Indicator;
    SCCP_METHOD_INDICATOR sccp_Method_Indicator;
    PORTED_NUMBER_TRANSLATION_INDICATOR
ported_Number_Translation_Indicator;
};

```

```

//
// Generic Address
//

```

```

enum TYPE_OF_ADDRESS {
    DialedNumber,
    DestinationNbr,
    NetworkScreening,
    NotNetworkScreening,
    CompletionNumber,
    PortedNumber,
    AlternatelyBilledNumber,
    AssociatedForwardNumber,
    TransferNumber6,
    TransferNumber5,
    TransferNumber4,
    TransferNumber3,
    TransferNumber2,
    TransferNumber1,
    CESID
};

```

```

enum NATURE_OF_ADDRESS_INDICATOR_KIND {DIALED_DIGITS,
SUPPLEMENTAL, COMPLETION, PORTED};

```

```

union NATURE_OF_ADDRESS_INDICATOR_UNION switch
(NATURE_OF_ADDRESS_INDICATOR_KIND) {
    case DIALED_DIGITS:
    NATURE_OF_ADDRESS_INDICATOR_TYPE1 aDialedDigits;

```

```

    case SUPPLEMENTAL:
    NATURE_OF_ADDRESS_INDICATOR_TYPE2 aSupplemental;
    case COMPLETION: NATURE_OF_ADDRESS_INDICATOR_TYPE3
    aCompletion;
    case PORTED: NATURE_OF_ADDRESS_INDICATOR_TYPE4
    aPorted;
    };

```

```

struct GENERIC_ADDRESS {
    TYPE_OF_ADDRESS typeOfAddr;
    NATURE_OF_ADDRESS_INDICATOR_UNION natureOfAddr;
    ODD_EVEN_BIT oddEvenBit;
    NUMBERING_PLAN numberingPlan;
    PRESENTATION presentation;
    string addressSignal;
};

```

```

//
// Generic Digits
//

```

```

enum TYPE_OF_DIGITS {
    ACCOUNT_CODE,
    AUTHORIZATION_CODE,
    PRIVATE_NETWORK_TRAVELLING_CLASS_MARK,
    CELL_SITE_SECTOR_IDENTIFIER,
    ORIGINATING_PARTY_SERVICE_PROVIDER,
    BILL_TO_NUMBER
};

```

```

enum ENCODING_SCHEME {
    BCD_EVEN,
    BCD_ODD,
    IA5,
    BINARY
};

```

```

struct GENERIC_DIGITS {
    TYPE_OF_DIGITS type_of_digits;
    ENCODING_SCHEME encoding_scheme;
    string digits;
};

```

```

//
// Generic Name
//

```

```

enum AVAILABILITY {
    NAME_AVAILABLE,
    NAME_NOT_AVAILABLE
}

```



```
};

enum TYPE_OF_NAME {
    CALLING_NAME,
    ORIGINAL_CALLED_NAME,
    REDIRECTING_NAME,
    CONNECTED_NAME
};

enum GENERIC_NAME_PRESENTATION {
    PRESENTATION_ALLOWED,
    PRESENTATION_RESTRICTED,
    BLOCKING_TOGGLE,
    NO_INDICATION
};

struct GENERIC_NAME {
    GENERIC_NAME_PRESENTATION presentation;
    AVAILABILITY availability;
    TYPE_OF_NAME type_of_name;
    string name;
};

//
// Information Indicators
//

enum CALLING_PARTY_ADDRESS_RESPONSE_INDICATOR {
    NOT_INCLUDED,
    NOT_AVAILABLE,
    SPARE,
    INCLUDED_HOLD_NOT_PROVIDED
};

enum HOLD_PROVIDED_INDICATOR {
    NOT_PROVIDED,
    PROVIDED
};

enum CALLING_PARTY_CATEGORY_RESPONSE_INDICATOR {
    NOT_INCLUDED,
    INCLUDED
};

enum CHARGE_INFORMATION_RESPONSE_INDICATOR {
    NOT_INCLUDED,
    INCLUDED
};

enum SOLICITED_INFORMATION_INDICATOR {
```

```

    SOLICITED,
    UNSOLICITED
};

```

```

enum
MULTILOCATION_BUSINESS_GROUP_INFO_RESPONSE_INDICATO
R {
    NOT_INCLUDED,
    INCLUDED
};

```

```

struct INFORMATION_INDICATORS {
    CALLING_PARTY_ADDRESS_RESPONSE_INDICATOR
        calling_party_address_response_indicator;
    HOLD_PROVIDED_INDICATOR
        hold_provided_indicator;
    CALLING_PARTY_CATEGORY_RESPONSE_INDICATOR
        calling_party_category_response_indicator;
    CHARGE_INFORMATION_RESPONSE_INDICATOR
        charge_information_response_indicator;
    SOLICITED_INFORMATION_INDICATOR
        solicited_information_indicator;
};

```

```

MULTILOCATION_BUSINESS_GROUP_INFO_RESPONSE_INDICATO
R
    multilocation_business_group_info_response_indicator;
};

```

```

//
// Information Request Indicator
//

```

```

enum CALLING_PARTY_ADDRESS_REQUEST_INDICATOR {
    NOT_REQUESTED,
    REQUESTED
};

```

```

enum INFORMATION_REQUEST_HOLDING_INDICATOR {
    NOT_REQUESTED,
    REQUESTED
};

```

```

enum CALLING_PARTY_CATEGORY_REQUEST_INDICATOR {
    NOT_REQUESTED,
    REQUESTED
};

```

```

enum CHARGE_INFORMATION_REQUEST_INDICATOR {
    NOT_REQUESTED,
    REQUESTED
};

```

```
};

enum MALICIOUS_CALL_ID_REQUEST_INDICATOR {
    NOT_REQUESTED,
    REQUESTED
};

enum MULTILOCATION_BUSINESS_GROUP_INFO_INDICATOR {
    NOT_REQUESTED,
    REQUESTED
};

struct INFORMATION_REQUEST_INDICATOR {
    CALLING_PARTY_ADDRESS_REQUEST_INDICATOR
        calling_party_address_request_indicator;
    INFORMATION_REQUEST_HOLDING_INDICATOR
        holding_indicator;
    CALLING_PARTY_CATEGORY_REQUEST_INDICATOR
        calling_party_category_request_indicator;
    CHARGE_INFORMATION_REQUEST_INDICATOR
        charge_information_request_indicator;
    MALICIOUS_CALL_ID_REQUEST_INDICATOR
        malicious_call_id_request_indicator;
    MULTILOCATION_BUSINESS_GROUP_INFO_INDICATOR
        multilocation_business_group_info_indicator;
};

//
// Jurisdiction Information
//

struct JURISDICTION_INFORMATION {
    string addressSignal;
};

//
// Nature of Connection Indicator
//

enum SATELLITE_INDICATOR {
    NO_SATELLITE_CIRCUIT,
    ONE_SATELLITE_CIRCUIT,
    TWO_SATELLITE_CIRCUIT,
    THREE_OR_MORE_SATELLITE_CIRCUIT
};

enum CONTINUITY_CHECK_INDICATOR {
    CONTINUITY_CHECK_NOT_REQUIRED,
    CONTINUITY_CHECK_REQUIRED,
    CONTINUITY_CHECK_ON_PREVIOUS_CIRCUIT,
```

```
    SPARE
};

struct NATURE_OF_CONNECTION_INDICATOR {
    SATELLITE_INDICATOR satellite_indicator;
    CONTINUITY_CHECK_INDICATOR continuity_check_indicator;
    ECHO_CONTROL_DEVICE_INDICATOR
    echo_control_device_indicator;
};

//
// Network Management Control
//

enum TEMPORARY_ALTERNATIVE_ROUTING {
    TAR_NO_INDICATION,
    TAR_CONTROLLED_CALL
};

struct NETWORK_MANAGEMENT_CONTROLS {
    TEMPORARY_ALTERNATIVE_ROUTING
    temporaryAlternativeRouting;
};

typedef sequence<NETWORK_MANAGEMENT_CONTROLS>
NETWORK_MANAGEMENT_CONTROLS_ARRAY;

//
// Network Transport Parameter
//

struct NETWORK_TRANSPORT_PARAMETER {
    sequence<string> parmNames;
    sequence<bytes> parmValues;
    bytes networkTransport;
};

//
// Notification Indicator
//

enum NOTIFICATION_IND {
    CALL_COMPLETION_DELAY,
    CALL_IS_A_WAITING_CALL,
    TRANSFER_IN_PROGRESS,
    ISOLATED_FROM_CONFERENCE_CALL,
    SPLIT_FROM_CONFERENCE_CALL,
    REATTACHED_TO_CONFERENCE_CALL,
    ADDED_TO_CONFERENCE_CALL,
    REMOTE_HOLD,
```

```
    REMOTE_HOLD_RELEASED,  
    CALL_IS_FORWARDED,  
    SPARE,  
    RESERVED  
};  
  
struct NOTIFICATION_INDICATOR {  
    NOTIFICATION_IND notification_ind;  
};  
  
typedef sequence<NOTIFICATION_INDICATOR>  
NOTIFICATION_INDICATOR_ARRAY;  
  
//  
// Operator Service Information  
//  
  
enum INFORMATION_TYPE {  
    UNKNOWN,  
    ORIGINAL_ACCESS_PREFIX,  
    BILL_TO_INFO_ENTRY_TYPE_AND_HANDLE_TYPE,  
    BILL_TO_TYPE,  
    BILL_TO_SPECIFIC_INFO,  
    SPECIAL_HANDLING,  
    ACCESS_SIGNALING  
};  
  
enum INFORMATION_VALUE_001 {  
    UNKNOWN,  
    A_1OR011,  
    A_0OR01,  
    A_0  
};  
  
enum INFORMATION_VALUE_010 {  
    UNKNOWN_UNKNOWN_HANDLING,  
    OPERATOR_STATION_HANDLING,  
    OPERATOR_PERSON_HANDLING,  
    TONE_INPUT_STATION_HANDLING,  
    UNKNOWN_STATION_HANDLING,  
    UNKNOWN_PERSON_HANDLING,  
    OPERATOR_UNKNOWN_HANDLING,  
    TONE_INPUT_UNKNOWN_HANDLING,  
    TONE_INPUT_PERSON_HANDLING,  
    SPOKEN_INPUT_UNKNOWN_HANDLING,  
    SPOKEN_INPUT_STATION_HANDLING,  
    SPOKEN_INPUT_PERSON_HANDLING  
};  
  
enum INFORMATION_VALUE_011 {
```

```
UNKNOWN,  
CARD14DIGIT,  
CARD89C,  
CARDOTHER,  
COLLECT,  
THIRDNUMBER,  
SENTPAID  
};
```

```
enum INFOMATION_VALUE_100 {  
    UNKNOWN,  
    NIDB_AUTHORIZE,  
    NIDB_REPORT_VERIFY_AUTOMATED,  
    NIDB_REPORT_VERIFY_OPERATOR,  
    NO_NIDB_QUERY,  
    NO_NIDB_RESPONSE,  
    NIDB_REPORT_UNAVAILABLE,  
    NO_NIDB_RESPONSE_TIMEOUT,  
    NO_NIDB_RESPONSE_REJECT,  
    NO_NIDB_RESPONSE_ACG,  
    NO_NIDB_RESPONSE_SCCP_FAIL  
};
```

```
enum INFOMATION_VALUE_101 {  
    UNKNOWN,  
    CALL_COMPLETION,  
    RATE_INFO,  
    TROUBLE_REPORT,  
    TIME_CHARGE,  
    CREDIT_REPORT,  
    GENERAL_ASSIST  
};
```

```
enum INFOMATION_VALUE_111 {  
    UNKNOWN,  
    DIAL_PULSE,  
    DIAL_TONE  
};
```

```
enum INFORMATION_VALUE_KIND {kind_001, kind_010, kind_011,  
kind_100, kind_101, kind_111};
```

```
union INFORMATION_VALUE_UNION switch  
(INFORMATION_VALUE_KIND) {  
    case kind_001: INFOMATION_VALUE_001 a001;  
    case kind_010: INFOMATION_VALUE_010 a010;  
    case kind_011: INFOMATION_VALUE_011 a011;  
    case kind_100: INFOMATION_VALUE_100 a100;  
    case kind_101: INFOMATION_VALUE_101 a101;  
    case kind_111: INFOMATION_VALUE_111 a111;
```

```
};

struct OPERATOR_SERVICE_INFO {
    INFORMATION_TYPE informationType;
    INFORMATION_VALUE_UNION informationValue;
};

typedef sequence<OPERATOR_SERVICE_INFO>
OPERATOR_SERVICE_INFO_ARRAY;

//
// Optional Backward Call Indicator
//

enum IN_BAND_INFORMATION_INDICATOR {
    NO_INDICATION,
    IN_BAND_INFO_OR_A_PATTERN_IS_AVAIL
};

enum CALL_FORWARDING_MAY_OCCUR_INDICATOR {
    NO_INDICATION,
    MAY_OCCUR
};

enum NATIONAL_USE {
    NATIONAL
};

enum NETWORK_EXCESSIVE_DELAY_INDICATOR {
    NO_INDICATION,
    NETWORK_EXCESSIVE_DELAY_ENCOUNTERED
};

enum USER_NETWORK_INTERACTION_OCCURS {
    NO_INDICATION,
    CUT_THROUGH_IN_BOTH_DIR
};

struct OPTIONAL_BACKWARD_CALL_INDICATORS {
    IN_BAND_INFORMATION_INDICATOR
    in_band_information_indicator;
    CALL_FORWARDING_MAY_OCCUR_INDICATOR
    call_forwarding_may_occur_indicator;
    NATIONAL_USE
    national_use;
    NETWORK_EXCESSIVE_DELAY_INDICATOR
    network_excessive_delay_indicator;
    USER_NETWORK_INTERACTION_OCCURS
    user_network_interaction_occurs;
};
```

```
//
// Originating Call Number
//

struct ORIGINAL_CALLED_NUMBER {
    NATURE_OF_ADDRESS_INDICATOR_TYPE2 addressNatureInd;
    ODD_EVEN_BIT oddEvenBit;
    PRESENTATION presentation;
    NUMBERING_PLAN numberingPlan;
    string addressSignal;
};

//
// Originating Line Information
//

typedef octet BINARY_EQUIVALENT_OF_THE_II_DIGITS;

struct ORIGINATING_LINE_INFORMATION
{
    BINARY_EQUIVALENT_OF_THE_II_DIGITS
    binary_equivalent_of_the_two_digits;
};

//
// Outgoing Trunk Number
//

enum MULTI_LVL_PP {
    DEFENSE_SWITCH_NETWORK,
    SPARE
};

struct OUTGOING_TRUNK_GROUP_NUMBER {
    long outgoing_trunk_group_number;
};

//
// Precedence Level
//

enum PRECEDENCE_LEVEL {
    FLASH_OVERRIDE,
    FLASH,
    IMMEDIATE,
    PRIORITY,
    ROUTINE,
    SPARE
};
```



```
enum LOOK_AHEAD_FOR_BUSY {
    LOOK_AHEAD_FOR_BUSY_ALLOWED,
    LOOK_AHEAD_FOR_BUSY_NOT_ALLOWED,
    PATH_RESERVED,
    RESERVED
};

struct PRECEDENCE {
    PRECEDENCE_LEVEL precedence_level;
    LOOK_AHEAD_FOR_BUSY look_ahead_for_busy;
    long network_identity;
    long MLPP_service_domain;
};

//
// Range and Status
//

enum STATUS {
    NO_BLOCKING,
    BLOCKING,
    BLOCKED,
    UNBLOCKED,
    NO_BLOCKING_ACKNOWLEDGMENT,
    BLOCKING_ACKNOWLEDGMENT,
    NO_UNBLOCKING,
    UNBLOCKING,
    NO_UNBLOCKING_ACKNOWLEDGMENT,
    UNBLOCKING_ACKNOWLEDGMENT
};

typedef sequence<STATUS> STATUS_ARRAY;
typedef short RANGE;

struct RANGE_AND_STATUS {
    RANGE range;
    STATUS_ARRAY status_array;
};

//
// Redirect Capability
//

enum REDIRECT_CAPABILITY_ENUM {
    REDIRECTION_POSSIBLE_BEFORE_ACM,
    REDIRECTION_POSSIBLE_BEFORE_ANM,
    REDIRECTION_POSSIBLE_ANYTIME
};
```

```
struct REDIRECT_CAPABILITY {
    REDIRECT_CAPABILITY_ENUM redirectCapability;
};

typedef sequence<REDIRECT_CAPABILITY>
REDIRECT_CAPABILITY_ARRAY;

//
// Redirect Counter
//

struct REDIRECT_COUNTER {
    octet redirectCounter;
};

//
// Redirecting Number
//

struct REDIRECTING_NUMBER {
    NATURE_OF_ADDRESS_INDICATOR_TYPE2 addressNatureInd;
    ODD_EVEN_BIT oddEvenBit;
    PRESENTATION presentation;
    NUMBERING_PLAN numberingPlan;
    string addressSignal;
};

//
// Redirection Information
//

enum ORIGINAL_REDIRECTING_REASON {
    UNKNOWN_NOT_AVAILABLE,
    USER_BUSY,
    NO_REPLY,
    UNCONDITIONAL,
    SPARE,
    RESERVED
};

enum REDIRECTION_COUNTER {
    NO_REDIRECTION_HAS_OCCURED,
    REDIRECTED_1_TIME,
    REDIRECTED_2_TIMES,
    REDIRECTED_3_TIMES,
    REDIRECTED_4_TIMES,
    REDIRECTED_5_TIMES,
    REDIRECTED_6_TIMES,
    REDIRECTED_7_TIMES,
    REDIRECTED_8_TIMES,
```

```
    REDIRECTED_9_TIMES,
    REDIRECTED_10_TIMES,
    REDIRECTED_11_TIMES,
    REDIRECTED_12_TIMES,
    REDIRECTED_13_TIMES,
    REDIRECTED_14_TIMES,
    REDIRECTED_15_TIMES
};

enum REDIRECTING_REASON {
    UNKNOWN_NOT_AVAILABLE,
    USER_BUSY,
    NO_REPLY,
    UNCONDITIONAL,
    SPARE
};

struct REDIRECTION_INFORMATION {
    REDIRECTION_COUNTER redirection_Counter;
    ORIGINAL_REDIRECTING_REASON original_redirecting_reason;
    REDIRECTING_REASON redirecting_reason;
};

//
// Redirection Number
//

struct REDIRECTION_NUMBER {
    NATURE_OF_ADDRESS_INDICATOR_TYPE3 addressNatureInd;
    ODD_EVEN_BIT oddEvenBit;
    NUMBERING_PLAN numberingPlan;
    string addressSignal;
};

//
// Remote Operation
//

enum PROTOCOL_PROFILE {
    SPARE,
    REMOTE_OPERATION_PROTOCOL
};

struct REMOTE_OPERATIONS {
    PROTOCOL_PROFILE protocol_profile;
    bytes components;
};

//
// Service Activation
```

```

//

enum SERVICE_ACTIVATION_ENUM {
    RESERVED_INTERNATIONAL,
    CALL_WAITING_ORIGINATING_INVOKED,
    DIAL_CALL_WAITING_INVOKED,
    COMPLETE_CALL_REQUEST_ISUP_USED_ALL_THE_WAY,
    COMPLETE_CALL_REQUEST_ISUP_NOT_USED_ALL_THE_WAY,
    SPARE,
    RESERVED_NETWORK_SPECIFIC
};

struct SERVICE_ACTIVATION {
    SERVICE_ACTIVATION_ENUM service_activation_enum;
};

typedef sequence<SERVICE_ACTIVATION>
SERVICE_ACTIVATION_ARRAY;

//
// Service Code
//

struct SERVICE_CODE {
    long service_code;
};

//
// Special Processing Request
//

enum SPECIAL_PROCESSING_REQUEST_ENUM {
    SPARE,
    SERVICE_PROCESSING_REQUIRED,
    RESERVED_FOR_INTERNATIONAL_USE,
    RESERVED_FOR_NATIONAL_USE,
    RESERVED_FOR_NETWORK_SPECIFIC_USE
};

typedef octet RESERVED_FOR_INTERNATIONAL_USE;
typedef octet RESERVED_FOR_NATIONAL_USE;
typedef octet RESERVED_FOR_NETWORK_SPECIFIC_USE;

struct SPECIAL_PROCESSING_REQUEST {
    SPECIAL_PROCESSING_REQUEST_ENUM special_processing_rq;
    RESERVED_FOR_INTERNATIONAL_USE
reserved_for_international_use;
    RESERVED_FOR_NATIONAL_USE reserved_for_national_use;
    RESERVED_FOR_NETWORK_SPECIFIC_USE
reserved_for_network_specific_use;
};

```

```
};

//
// Suspend Resume Indicator
//

enum SUSPEND_RESUME_INDICATOR {
    ISDN_SUBSCRIBER_INITIATED,
    NETWORK_INITIATED
};

//
// Transaction Request
//

struct TRANSACTION_REQUEST {
    bytes transactionID;
    bytes SCCP_Address;
};

//
// Transit Network Selection
//

enum
NETWORK_IDENTIFICATION_PLAN_NATIONAL_ANSI_NETWORKS {
    UNKNOWN,
    THREE_DIGIT_CARRIER_IDENTIFICATION_WITH_CIRCUIT_CODE,
    FOUR_DIGIT_CARRIER_IDENTIFICATION_WITH_CIRCUIT_CODE,
    RESERVED,
    RESERVED_FOR_NETWORK_SPECIFIC_USE_FLAG
};

enum
NETWORK_IDENTIFICATION_PLAN_INTERNATIONAL_NETWORKS {
    UNKNOWN,
    PUBLIC_DATA_NETWORK_IDENTIFICATION_CODE,
    PUBLIC_LAND_MOBILE_NETWORK_ID_CODE
};

enum TYPE_OF_NETWORK_IDENTIFICATION {
    ITU_STANDARDIZED_IDENTIFICATION,
    NATIONAL_NETWORK_IDENTIFICATION
};

enum TRANSIT_NETWORK_SELECTION_DIGIT {
    DIGIT0,
    DIGIT1,
    DIGIT2,
    DIGIT3,
```

```
DIGIT4,
DIGIT5,
DIGIT6,
DIGIT7,
DIGIT8,
DIGIT9,
SPARE,
CODE11,
CODE12,
END_OF_PULSE_SIGNAL
};

enum CIRCUIT_CODE {
    UNSPECIFIED,
    INTERNATIONAL_CALL_NO_OPERATOR_REQUESTED,
    INTERNATIONAL_CALL_OPERATOR_REQUESTED,
    SPARE,
    RESERVED_FOR_NETWORK_SPECIFIC_USE_FLAG
};

struct TRANSIT_NETWORK_SELECTION {
    NETWORK_IDENTIFICATION_PLAN_NATIONAL_ANSI_NETWORKS
network_identification_plan_ansi_networks;

    NETWORK_IDENTIFICATION_PLAN_INTERNATIONAL_NETWORKS
network_identification_plan_international_networks;
    TYPE_OF_NETWORK_IDENTIFICATION
type_of_network_identification;
    TRANSIT_NETWORK_SELECTION_DIGIT digit_one;
    TRANSIT_NETWORK_SELECTION_DIGIT digit_two;
    TRANSIT_NETWORK_SELECTION_DIGIT digit_three;
    TRANSIT_NETWORK_SELECTION_DIGIT digit_four;
    CIRCUIT_CODE circuit_code;
    octet circuit_code_network_specific_use;
    octet ansi_network_specific_use;
};

//
// Transmission Medium
//

enum TRANSMISSION_MEDIUM_USED_VALUE {
    SPEECH,
    RESERVED_64KBPS_UNRESTRICTED,
    AUDIO31KHZ,
    RESERVED_64KBPS_PREFERRED
};

struct TRANSMISSION_MEDIUM_USED {
```

```
TRANSMISSION_MEDIUM_USED_VALUE
transmission_medium_used_value;
};

//
// User Service Information
// User Service Information Prime
//

enum INFO_TRANSFER_CAPABILITY {
    Speech,
    UnrestrictedDigital,
    RestrictedDigital,
    Audio3100Hz,
    Audio7kHz
};

enum INFO_CODINGSTANDARD {
    ITUStandard,
    NationalStandard
};

enum INFO_TRANSFER_RATE {
    codeforPacketMode,
    kbps64,
    kbps384,
    kbps1472,
    kbps1536,
    kbps1920,
    Multirate
};

enum INFO_TRANSFER_MODE {
    circuit,
    packet
};

enum USER_INFO_ESTABLISHMENT {
    Demand
};

enum USER_INFO_CONFIGURATION {
    PointtoPoint
};

enum USER_INFO_STRUCTURE {
    Default,
    Integrity8kHz,
    ServiceDataUnitIntegrity,
    Unstructured
};
```

```

};

enum USER_INFO_SYMMETRY {
    Bidirectional
};

enum USER_INFO_LAYER1PROTOCOL {
    NotPresent,
    ITUStandardRateAdaptionV110,
    G771ulawSpeech,
    G722andG725Audio,
    NONITUStandardRateAdaption,
    ITUStandardRateAdaptionV120,
    ITUStandardRateAdaptionX31HDL
};

enum USER_INFO_LAYER2PROTOCOL {
    NotPresent,
    I144OrQ921,
    X25LinkLevel
};

enum USER_INFO_LAYER3PROTOCOL {
    NotPresent,
    ANSIT1607,
    X25Packet
};

struct USER_SERVICE_INFORMATION {
    INFO_TRANSFER_CAPABILITY transferCapability;
    INFO_CODINGSTANDARD codingStandard;
    INFO_TRANSFER_RATE transferRate;
    INFO_TRANSFER_MODE transferMode;
    USER_INFO_ESTABLISHMENT establishment;
    USER_INFO_CONFIGURATION configuration;
    USER_INFO_STRUCTURE structure;
    INFO_TRANSFER_RATE destToOriginationTransferRate;
    USER_INFO_SYMMETRY symmetry;
    octet multirateRateMultiple;
    USER_INFO_LAYER1PROTOCOL userlayer1protocol;
    USER_INFO_LAYER2PROTOCOL userlayer2protocol;
    USER_INFO_LAYER3PROTOCOL userlayer3protocol;
};

struct USER_SERVICE_INFORMATION_PRIME {
    INFO_TRANSFER_CAPABILITY transferCapability;
    INFO_CODINGSTANDARD codingStandard;
    INFO_TRANSFER_RATE transferRate;
    INFO_TRANSFER_MODE transferMode;
    USER_INFO_ESTABLISHMENT establishment;

```



```
USER_INFO_CONFIGURATION configuration;
USER_INFO_STRUCTURE structure;
INFO_TRANSFER_RATE destToOriginationTransferRate;
USER_INFO_SYMMETRY symmetry;
octet multirateRateMultiple;
USER_INFO_LAYER1PROTOCOL userlayer1protocol;
USER_INFO_LAYER2PROTOCOL userlayer2protocol;
USER_INFO_LAYER3PROTOCOL userlayer3protocol;
};

//
// User to User Indicator
//

enum USER_TO_USER_INDICATOR_TYPE {
    REQUEST,
    RESPONSE
};

enum USER_TO_USER_INDICATOR_RESPONSE {
    NONE,
    SERVICE
};

enum NETWORK_DISCARD_INDICATOR {
    NO_INFORMATION,
    USER_TO_USER_INFORMATION_DISCARDED_BY_NETWORK
};

struct USER_TO_USER_INDICATOR {
    USER_TO_USER_INDICATOR_TYPE user_to_user_indicator;
    USER_TO_USER_INDICATOR_RESPONSE
user_to_user_indicator_service1;
    USER_TO_USER_INDICATOR_RESPONSE
user_to_user_indicator_service2;
    USER_TO_USER_INDICATOR_RESPONSE
user_to_user_indicator_service3;
    NETWORK_DISCARD_INDICATOR network_discard_indicator;
};

//
// User to User Information
//

enum PROTOCOL_DISCRIMINATOR {
    USER_SPECIFIC,
    OSI_HIGH_LAYER,
    X244,
    RESERVED1,
    ASCII,
```

```

X208X209,
V120,
T1607,
RESERVED2,
NATIONAL,
RESERVED3
};

```

```

struct USER_TO_USER_INFORMATION {
    PROTOCOL_DISCRIMINATOR protocolDiscriminator;
    octet protocolDiscriminatorReserved2;
    octet protocolDiscriminatorReserved3;
    octet protocolDiscriminatorNational;
    bytes user_to_user_info;
};

```

```

//
//
// Beginning of ISUP Message Definition Section
//
//

```

```

//
// Address Complete
//

```

```

struct ACMMessage {
    // Mandatory Fixed Part
    BACKWARD_CALL_INDICATOR backwardCallIndicators;
    // Optional Parameters
    ACCESS_TRANSPORT accessTransport;
    BUSINESS_GROUP businessGroup;
    CALL_REFERENCE callReference;
    CAUSE_INDICATORS causeIndicators;
    CONNECTION_REQUEST connectionRequest;
    INFORMATION_INDICATORS informationIndicators;
    NETWORK_TRANSPORT_PARAMETER networkTransportParameter;
    NOTIFICATION_INDICATOR_ARRAY notificationIndicatorArray;
    OPTIONAL_BACKWARD_CALL_INDICATORS
optionalBackwardCallIndicators;
    REDIRECTION_INFORMATION redirectionInformation;
    REMOTE_OPERATIONS remoteOperations;
    SERVICE_ACTIVATION_ARRAY serviceActivationArray;
    TRANSMISSION_MEDIUM_USED transmissionMediumUsed;
    USER_TO_USER_INDICATOR user_to_userIndicator;
    USER_TO_USER_INFORMATION user_to_userInformation;
};

```

```

//
// Answer

```

```

//

struct ANMMessage {
    // Optional Parameters
    ACCESS_TRANSPORT accessTransport;
    BACKWARD_CALL_INDICATOR backwardCallIndicators;
    BUSINESS_GROUP businessGroup;
    CALL_REFERENCE callReference;
    CONNECTION_REQUEST connectionRequest;
    INFORMATION_INDICATORS informationIndicators;
    NETWORK_TRANSPORT_PARAMETER networkTransportParameter;
    NOTIFICATION_INDICATOR_ARRAY notificationIndicatorArray;
    OPTIONAL_BACKWARD_CALL_INDICATORS
optionalBackwardCallIndicators;
    REMOTE_OPERATIONS remoteOperations;
    SERVICE_ACTIVATION_ARRAY serviceActivationArray;
    TRANSMISSION_MEDIUM_USED transmissionMediumUsed;
    USER_TO_USER_INDICATOR user_to_userIndicators;
    USER_TO_USER_INFORMATION user_to_userInformation;
};

//
// Blocking
//
// struct BLOMessage {}
//

//
// Blocking Acknowledgement
//
// struct BLAMessage {}
//

//
// Call Progress
//

struct CPGMessage {
    // Mandatory Fixed Part
    EVENT_INFORMATION eventInformation;
    // Optional Parameters
    ACCESS_TRANSPORT accessTransport;
    BACKWARD_CALL_INDICATOR backwardCallIndicators;
    BUSINESS_GROUP businessGroup;
    CALL_REFERENCE callReference;
    CAUSE_INDICATORS causeIndicators;
    INFORMATION_INDICATORS informationIndicators;
    NETWORK_TRANSPORT_PARAMETER networkTransportParameter;
    NOTIFICATION_INDICATOR_ARRAY notificationIndicatorArray;

```

```

    OPTIONAL_BACKWARD_CALL_INDICATORS
optionalBackwardCallIndicators;
    REDIRECTION_NUMBER redirectionNumber;
    REMOTE_OPERATIONS remoteOperations;
    SERVICE_ACTIVATION_ARRAY serviceActivationArray;
    TRANSMISSION_MEDIUM_USED TransmissionMediumUsed;
    USER_TO_USER_INDICATOR user_to_userIndicator;
    USER_TO_USER_INFORMATION user_to_userInformation;
};

//
// Circuit Group Blocking
//

struct CGBMessage {
    // Mandatory Fixed Part
    CKT_GRP_SUPERVISION_MSG_TYPE_IND
circuitGroupSupervisionMessageTypeIndicator;
    // Mandatory Variable Part
    RANGE_AND_STATUS rangeAndStatus;
};

//
// Circuit Group Blocking Acknowledgement
//

struct CGBAMessage {
    // Mandatory Fixed Part
    CKT_GRP_SUPERVISION_MSG_TYPE_IND
circuitGroupSupervisionMessageTypeIndicator;
    // Mandatory Variable Part
    RANGE_AND_STATUS rangeAndStatus;
};

//
// Circuit Group Reset
//

struct GRSMMessage {
    // Mandatory Variable Part
    RANGE_AND_STATUS rangeAndStatus;
    // Optional Parameters
    CIRCUIT_ASSIGNMENT_MAP circuitAssignmentMap;
};

//
// Circuit Group Reset Acknowledgement
//

struct GRAMessage {

```

```

// Mandatory Variable Part
RANGE_AND_STATUS rangeAndStatus;
// Optional Parameters
CIRCUIT_ASSIGNMENT_MAP circuitAssignmentMap;
};

//
// Circuit Group Unblocking
//

struct CGUMessage {
// Mandatory Fixed Part
CKT_GRP_SUPERVISION_MSG_TYPE_IND
circuitGroupSupervisionMessageTypeIndicator;
// Mandatory Variable Part
RANGE_AND_STATUS rangeAndStatus;
};

//
// Circuit Group Unblocking Acknowledgement
//

struct CGUAMessage {
// Mandatory Fixed Part
CKT_GRP_SUPERVISION_MSG_TYPE_IND
circuitGroupSupervisionMessageTypeIndicator;
// Mandatory Variable Part
RANGE_AND_STATUS rangeAndStatus;
};

//
// Circuit Query
//

struct CQMMessage {
// Mandatory Variable Part
RANGE_AND_STATUS rangeAndStatus;
// Optional Parameters
CIRCUIT_ASSIGNMENT_MAP circuitAssignmentMap;
};

//
// Circuit Query Response
//

struct CQRMessage {
// Mandatory Variable Part
RANGE_AND_STATUS rangeAndStatus;
CKT_STATE_IND_ARRAY circuitStateIndicatorArray;
};

```

```
//  
// Circuit Reservation  
//  
  
struct CRMMessage {  
    // Mandatory Fixed part  
    NATURE_OF_CONNECTION_INDICATOR  
natureOfConnectionIndicators;  
};  
  
//  
// Circuit Reservation Acknowledgement  
//  
// struct CRAMessage {}  
//  
  
//  
// Circuit Validation Response  
//  
  
struct CVRMessage {  
    // Mandatory Fixed Part  
    CKT_VALID_RESPONSE_IND circuitValidationResponseIndicator;  
    CKT_GRP_CHAR_INDICATORS circuitGroupCharacteristicIndicators;  
    // Optional Parameters  
    CKT_IDENT_NAME circuitIdentificationName;  
    CLLI_STRUCT CLLICode;  
};  
  
//  
// Circuit Validation Test  
//  
// struct CVTMessage {}  
//  
  
//  
// Confusion  
//  
  
struct CFNMessage {  
    // Mandatory Variable Part  
    CAUSE_INDICATORS causeIndicators;  
};  
  
//  
// Continuity  
//  
  
struct COTMessage {
```

```
// Mandatory Fixed Part
CONTINUITY_INDICATORS continuityIndicators;
};

//
// Continuity Check Request
//
// struct CCRMessage {}
//

//
// Exit
//

struct EXMMessage {
    // Optional Parameters
    OUTGOING_TRUNK_GROUP_NUMBER
    outgoingTrunkGroupNumber;
};

//
// Facility
//

struct FACMessage {
    // Optional Parameters
    REMOTE_OPERATIONS remoteOperations;
    SERVICE_ACTIVATION_ARRAY serviceActivationArray;
};

//
// Forward Transfer
//

struct FOTMessage {
    // Optional Parameters
    CALL_REFERENCE callReference;
};

//
// Information
//

struct INFMessage {
    // Mandatory Fixed Part
    INFORMATION_INDICATORS informationIndicators;
    // Optional Parameters
    ACCESS_TRANSPORT accessTransport;
    BUSINESS_GROUP businessGroup;
    CALL_REFERENCE callReference;
```

```

    CALLING_PARTY_NUMBER callingPartyNumber;
    CALLING_PARTY_CATEGORY callingPartyCategory;
    CHARGE_NUMBER chargeNumber;
    CONNECTION_REQUEST connectionRequest;
    ORIGINATING_LINE_INFORMATION originatingLineInformation;
    REDIRECTING_NUMBER redirectingNumber;
    REDIRECTION_INFORMATION redirectionInformation;
    USER_TO_USER_INFORMATION user_to_userInformation;
};

//
// Information Request
//

struct INRMessage {
    // Mandatory Fixed Part
    INFORMATION_REQUEST_INDICATOR
informationRequestIndicators;
    // Optional Parameters
    CALL_REFERENCE callReference;
    CONNECTION_REQUEST connectionRequest;
    NETWORK_TRANSPORT_PARAMETER networkTransportParameter;
};

//
// Initial Address
//

struct IAMMessage {
    // Mandatory Fixed Part
    NATURE_OF_CONNECTION_INDICATOR
natureOfConnectionIndicators;
    FORWARD_CALL_INDICATORS forwardCallIndicators;
    CALLING_PARTY_CATEGORY callingPartyCategory;
    // Mandatory Variable Part
    USER_SERVICE_INFORMATION userServiceInformation;
    CALLED_PARTY_NUMBER calledPartyNumber;
    // Optional Parameters
    ACCESS_TRANSPORT accessTransport;
    BUSINESS_GROUP businessGroup;
    CALL_REFERENCE callReference;
    CALLING_PARTY_NUMBER callingPartyNumber;
    CARRIER_IDENTIFICATION carrierIdentification;
    CARRIER_SELECTION carrierSelection;
    CHARGE_NUMBER chargeNumber;
    CIRCUIT_ASSIGNMENT_MAP circuitAssignmentMap;
    CONNECTION_REQUEST connectionRequest;
    bytes egressService;
    GENERIC_ADDRESS genericAddress;
    GENERIC_DIGITS genericDigits;
};

```



```

    GENERIC_NAME genericName;
    octet hopCounter;
    INFORMATION_REQUEST_INDICATOR
informationRequestIndicators;
    JURISDICTION_INFORMATION jurisdictionInformation;
    NETWORK_MANAGEMENT_CONTROLS_ARRAY
networkManagementControlsArray;
    NETWORK_TRANSPORT_PARAMETER networkTransportParameter;
    OPERATOR_SERVICE_INFO_ARRAY operatorServiceInfoArray;
    ORIGINAL_CALLED_NUMBER originalCalledNumber;
    ORIGINATING_LINE_INFORMATION originatingLineInformation;
    PRECEDENCE precedence;
    REDIRECT_CAPABILITY_ARRAY redirectCapabilityArray;
    REDIRECT_COUNTER redirectCounter;
    REDIRECTING_NUMBER redirectingNumber;
    REDIRECTION_INFORMATION redirectionInformation;
    REMOTE_OPERATIONS remoteOperations;
    SERVICE_ACTIVATION_ARRAY serviceActivationArray;
    SERVICE_CODE serviceCode;
    SPECIAL_PROCESSING_REQUEST specialProcessingRequest;
    TRANSACTION_REQUEST transactionRequest;
    TRANSIT_NETWORK_SELECTION transitNetworkSelection;
    USER_SERVICE_INFORMATION_PRIME
userServiceInformationPrime;
    USER_TO_USER_INFORMATION user_to_userInformation;
};

//
// Loop Back Acknowledgement
//
// struct LPAMessage {}
//

//
// Pass Along
//
// struct PAMessage {}
//

//
// Release
//

struct RELMessage {
    // Mandatory Variable Part
    CAUSE_INDICATORS causeIndicators;
    // Optional Parameters
    ACCESS_TRANSPORT accessTransport;
    AUTOMATIC_CONGESTION_LEVEL automaticCongestionLevel;
    CALL_REFERENCE callReference;

```

```
CHARGE_NUMBER chargeNumber;
GENERIC_ADDRESS genericAddress;
SERVICE_ACTIVATION_ARRAY serviceActivationArray;
USER_TO_USER_INFORMATION user_to_userInformation;
};

//
// Release Complete
//
// struct RLCMessage {}
//

//
// Reset Circuit
//
// struct RSCMessage {}
//

//
// Resume
//

struct RESMessage {
    // Mandatory Fixed Part
    SUSPEND_RESUME_INDICATOR suspend_resumeIndicators;
    // Optional Parameters
    CALL_REFERENCE callReference;
};

//
// Suspend
//

struct SUSMessage {
    // Mandatory Fixed Part
    SUSPEND_RESUME_INDICATOR suspend_resumeIndicators;
    // Optional Parameters
    CALL_REFERENCE callReference;
};

//
// Unblocking
//
// struct UBLMessage {}
//

//
// Unblocking Acknowledgement
//
// struct UBAMessage {}
```

```
//  
  
//  
// Unequipped Circuit Identification Code  
//  
// struct UCICMessage {}  
//  
};
```

Appendix B

Call Model for SGCP

#

#

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Events:

#

#

Format: Event <eventName> <side-of-call>

#

#

SetTopBox Events

#

#

OffHook - start call (Ingress) or answer ring (Egress)

#

DialComplete - digits collected for called number (Ingress)

#

OnHook - hang up (ingress or Egress)

#

#

Ingress Events

#

#

Created - confirming Create

#

Answered - showing answered call

#

Released - confirming delete

#

Suspended - Egress hung up

#

Resumed - Egress picks back up during Suspend

#

Delete - tair down local connection

#

TimerExpired- timer expired

#

Busy - Egress indicates busy called number

#

Announcement - an announcement must be identified

#

InvalidEndpoint - Egress indicates invalid called number

#

#

Egress Events

#

#

Create - establish connection

#

Released - confirming delete

#

Delete - tair down local connecting

#

TimerExpired- timer expired

#

Busy - called number found busy on create

#

Announcement - announcement must be played

#

InvalidEndpoint - received invalid called number

#

Transitions:

#

#

Format: Transition <curState> <nextState>

#

#

Idle - connection inactive

#

Dialing - Ingress is collecting digits for called number

#

Ringing - Egress is ringing called number

#

Active - Connection is made, full duplex

#

Suspended - Active session suspended

#

Releasing - Ingress or Egress releasing local resources

#

Initiated - Ingress waiting for create confirmation

```

#         Delivered      - Ingress waiting for Egress to answer
#         * (Any)        - wild card on any state
#
#         "wild card" matches on Transition State supported
#         curState=*  nextState=*
#         where * in curState means match on any current state
#         * in nextState means DONT change state
#
# Actions:
#
#         Format:  Action <actionName> <parms>
#
#         CreateConnection - Call Voip Gateway to create new connection
#         ModifyConnection - Call Voip Gateway to Modify existing connection
#         DeleteConnection - Call Voip Gateway to Delete existing connection
#         NotifyRequest    - Call Voip Gateway to be notified of events
#
#         AccountingStart  - Call Accounting Gateway Interface with Start
Record
#         AccountingStop   - Call Accounting Gateway Interface with Stop
Record
#
#         McapCreate        - Send Create message to Egress CallAgent
#         McapEvent         - Send Event Message to Ingress or Egress CA
#                           Partner
#         McapDelete        - Send Event Message to Ingress or Egress CA
#                           Partner
#
#         StartTimer        - Request CA EndPointManager to Start timer
#         SequenceError     - Handle event-out-of-sequence condition
#
# Qualifiers:
#
#         These qualifiers are valid for all Actions. They indicate if the
#         transition should continue to the next Action or stop if an error
#         is encountered.
#
#         FatalOnError      stop on error
#         ContinueOnError   keep processing
#         These qualifiers are used by McapEvent Action to identify the event type.
#
#         Created           EventType=Create
#         Answered          EventType=Answer
#         Released          EventType=Release
#         Suspended         EventType=Suspend
#         Resumed           EventType=Resume
#
#         These qualifiers are used by McapCreate Action to identify the Create type.
#
#         Announce          CreateType=Announce

```


These qualifiers are valid for those Events which can have two flavors.

The other events imply thier Ingress/Egress identity.

Ingress Calling Side
Egress Called Side

These qualifiers identify the TimerType being Started by StartTimer Action.
#millsec indicates the length of timer in milliseconds.

Dial <#millsec> Wait for DialComplete message
Create <#millsec> Wait for Created message from Egress
Release <#millsec> Wait to Delete a Connection

This qualifier is used to identify the Busy condition on the mcapDelete event.

Busy - Line unavailable, in use, busy

These qualifiers identify the action to take when handing an event
sequence error condition.

Ignore - Ignore out-of-sequence
Report - only report out-of-sequence
Reset - Reset line as Idle and release local resources

These qualifiers specify the Voip Gateway attributes being passed
on CreateConnection, ModifyConnection, DeleteConnection, and

NotifyRequest

ReceiveMode - Put connection in Receive-Only Mode
SendReceiveMode - Put connection in full-Duplex Mode
SendMode - Put connection in Send-Only Mode
InactiveMode- Set connection as inactive
LoopBackMode - ???

OpCompleteNotify - notify CA of Operation Complete
OffHookNotify - notify CA of Off Hook
OnHookNotify - notify CA of On Hook
FlashHookNotify - notify CA of Flash Hook
WinkNotify - notify CA of Wink
DTMFNotify - notify CA of DTMF
ContinuityToneNotify
ContinuityDetectedNotify
ModemToneNotify - notify CA of Modem Tone
FaxToneNotify - notify CA of Fax Tone
DigitsNotify - notify CA of Digits collected

RingingSignal - play ringing tone
RingBackSignal - play ring-back tone

DialToneSignal - play dial tone
 # BusyToneSignal - play Busy tone
 # CongestionToneSignal - play congestion tone
 # AnnouncementSignal - play Announcement
 # ContinuitySignal - play continuity tone
 # CallWaitingSignal - play call waiting tone
 # OffHookWarningSignal - play off hook warning tone
 #

#=====

#-----
 # OffHook for CALLING Set-Top-Box
 #-----

Event OffHook Ingress

Transition Idle Dialing
 Action NotifyRequest DigitsNotify DialToneSignal OnHookNotify
 Action StartTimer Dial 45

Transition Active Active
 #-----
 # OffHook for CALLED Set-Top-Box
 #-----

Event OffHook Egress

Transition Ringing Active
 Action McapEvent Answered
 Action NotifyRequest OnHookNotify

Transition Active Active

Transition Suspended Active
 Action McapEvent Resumed

 #-----
 # DialCompleted - Ingress Only
 #-----

Event DialComplete

Transition Dialing Initiated
 Action CreateConnection OnHookNotify ReceiveMode
 Action McapCreate
 Action StartTimer Create 45

Transition Idle Initiated

Action CreateConnection OnHookNotify ReceiveMode
 Action McapCreate
 Action StartTimer Create 45

#-----
 # Create - Egress Only
 #-----

Event Create

Transition Idle Ringing
 Action CreateConnection OffHookNotify RingingSignal SendReceiveMode
 Action McapEvent Created

#-----
 # Busy - Ingress only
 #-----

Event Busy Ingress

Transition Active Idle
 Action DeleteConnection OnHookNotify OffHookNotify BusyToneSignal

Transition Initiated Idle
 Transition Initiated *
 Action DeleteConnection OnHookNotify OffHookNotify BusyToneSignal

Transition Delivered Idle
 Action DeleteConnection OnHookNotify OffHookNotify BusyToneSignal

#-----
 #
 # Busy - Egress Only
 #-----

Event Busy Egress

Transition * *
 Action McapDelete Busy

 #-----
 # Announcement - Ingress only
 #-----

Event Announcement Ingress

Transition *
Action McapCreate Announce

 #-----
 # Announcement - Egress only
 #-----

Event Announcement Egress

Transition * *
 Action CreateConnection OpCompleteNotify AnnouncementSignal SendMode

 #-----
 # InvalidEndpoint - Ingress
 #-----

Event InvalidEndpoint Ingress

Transition Active Idle
 Action DeleteConnection OnHookNotify OffHookNotify BusyToneSignal

Transition Initiated Idle
 Action DeleteConnection OnHookNotify OffHookNotify BusyToneSignal

Transition Delivered Idle
 Action DeleteConnection OnHookNotify OffHookNotify BusyToneSignal

 #-----
 # InvalidEndpoint - Egress
 #-----

Event InvalidEndpoint Egress

Transition * *
 Action McapDelete InvalidEndpoint

#-----
Created - Ingress Only.
#-----

Event Created

Transition Dialing Delivered

Transition Initiated Delivered

Action ModifyConnection OnHookNotify RingBackSignal ReceiveMode
Action ModifyConnection OnHookNotify RingBackSignal SendReceiveMode

#-----
Answered - Ingress Only
#-----

Event Answered

Transition Idle Active

Transition Initiated Active

Action ModifyConnection OnHookNotify SendReceiveMode
Action NotifyRequest OnHookNotify
Action AccountingStart

Transition Delivered Active

Action ModifyConnection OnHookNotify SendReceiveMode
Action NotifyRequest OnHookNotify
Action AccountingStart

#-----
OnHook for CALLING Set-Top-Box
#-----

Event OnHook Ingress

Transition Releasing Idle

Action NotifyRequest OnHookNotify OffHookNotify

Transition Active Releasing

Action McapDelete

Action DeleteConnection OnHookNotify OffHookNotify

Action StartTimer Release 45

Transition Dialing Idle

Action NotifyRequest OnHookNotify OffHookNotify

Transition Initiated Releasing
Action McapDelete
Action DeleteConnection OnHookNotify OffHookNotify
Action StartTimer Release 45

Transition Delivered Releasing
Action McapDelete
Action DeleteConnection OnHookNotify OffHookNotify
Action StartTimer Release 45

Transition * Idle
Action NotifyRequest OnHookNotify OffHookNotify

#-----
OnHook for CALLED Set-Top-Box
#-----

Event OnHook Egress

Transition Releasing Idle
Action NotifyRequest OnHookNotify OffHookNotify

Transition Active Suspended
Action NotifyRequest OnHookNotify OffHookNotify
Action StartTimer Release 15
Action McapEvent Suspended

Transition * Idle
Action NotifyRequest OnHookNotify OffHookNotify

#

#-----

Delete for CALLING Set-Top-Box

#-----

Event Delete Ingress

Transition	Active	Idle
Action	McapEvent	Released
Action	DeleteConnection	OnHookNotify OffHookNotify
Action	AccountingStop	

Transition	Idle	Idle
Action	McapEvent	Released
Action	NotifyRequest	OnHookNotify OffHookNotify

Transition	Dialing	Dialing
Action	McapEvent	Released

Transition	Releasing	Idle
Action	NotifyRequest	OnHookNotify OffHookNotify
Action	AccountingStop	

Transition	Initiated	Idle
Action	McapEvent	Released
Action	DeleteConnection	OnHookNotify OffHookNotify
Action	AccountingStop	

Transition	Delivered	Idle
Action	McapEvent	Released
Action	DeleteConnection	OnHookNotify OffHookNotify
Action	AccountingStop	

#

#-----

Delete for CALLED Set-Top-Box

#-----

Event Delete Egress

Transition	Active	Idle
Action	McapEvent	Released
Action	DeleteConnection	OnHookNotify OffHookNotify

Transition	Suspended	Idle
Action	McapEvent	Released
Action	DeleteConnection	OnHookNotify OffHookNotify

Transition	Idle	Idle
Action	McapEvent	Released

Action NotifyRequest OnHookNotify OffHookNotify

Transition Ringing Idle

Action McapEvent Released

Action DeleteConnection OnHookNotify OffHookNotify

Transition Releasing Idle

Action NotifyRequest OnHookNotify OffHookNotify

#

#-----

Released for CALLING Set-Top-Box

#-----

Event Released Ingress

Transition Releasing Idle

Action AccountingStop

Action NotifyRequest OnHookNotify OffHookNotify

Transition * *

Action AccountingStop

#

#-----

Released for CALLED Set-Top-Box

#-----

Event Released Egress

Transition Releasing Idle

Action NotifyRequest OnHookNotify OffHookNotify

Transition Suspended Idle

Action NotifyRequest OnHookNotify OffHookNotify

Transition * *

#

#-----

Expired Timer waiting for digits to be dialed

#-----

Event TimerExpired Dial

Transition Dialing Idle

Action NotifyRequest OnHookNotify OffHookNotify DialToneSignal

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#-----

Expired Timer waiting for Create ACK

#-----

Event TimerExpired Create

Transition Initiated Idle

Action McapDelete

Action DeleteConnection OnHookNotify OffHookNotify

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#-----

Expired Timer waiting for hang-up delay interval

#-----

Event TimerExpired Release

Transition Suspended Releasing

Action McapDelete

Action DeleteConnection OnHookNotify OffHookNotify

Transition Releasing Idle

Action NotifyRequest OnHookNotify OffHookNotify

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A communications system, comprising:
 - a packet-based network;
 - a first subscriber unit;
 - a first media control device connecting the first subscriber unit to the packet-based network;
 - a second subscriber unit;
 - a second media control device connecting the second subscriber unit to the packet-based network; and
 - a call agent comprising:
 - means for managing communications between the first and second subscriber units over the network, and
 - means for sending and/or receiving SS7 signaling information.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein the first subscriber unit is coupled to the packet-based network through a public switched telephone network.
3. The system of claim 1, wherein the packet-based network is an Internet protocol network.
4. The system of claim 1, wherein the packet-based network is an asynchronous transfer mode network.
5. The system of claim 1, wherein the call agent further comprises:
 - means for transmitting information to a media control device.

6. The system of claim 5, wherein the information transmitted to the media control device is in the simple gateway control protocol.

7. The system of claim 5, wherein the media control device is an Internet protocol gateway.

8. A communications system, comprising:

a first subscriber unit coupled to a network through a first media control device;

a second subscriber unit coupled to the network through a second media control device; and

a call agent, comprising:

a first call agent cluster coupled to the first subscriber unit through a media control device, comprising:

means for translating information received from the first media control device in a first protocol into a common protocol,

means for communicating with a second call agent cluster using the common protocol,

means for translating the information in the common protocol into the first protocol, and

means for controlling the first media control device for managing a media session between the first subscriber unit and the second subscriber unit over the network.

9. The system of claim 8, wherein the first media control device is a residential gateway.

10. The system of claim 8, further comprising:
a third media control device, wherein the third media control device is a trunking gateway; and
wherein the first call agent comprises means for controlling the third media control device; and
wherein the first media control device is an SS7 gateway;

11. The system of claim 8, wherein the first media control device is an H.323 gateway.

12. The system of claim 8, wherein the call agent further comprises:
a service broker, comprising:
means for receiving information from the first call agent cluster;
means for determining the second call agent cluster from a plurality of call agent clusters;
means for sending information to the second call agent cluster regarding setting up communications with the first call agent cluster; and
wherein the first call agent cluster further comprises means for transmitting information to the service broker.

13. The system of claim 12, wherein the call agent further comprises:
a network resource database, comprising:

means for storing data;

means for receiving requests from the service broker; and

means for transmitting information to the service broker

14. The system of claim 8, wherein the network is an IP network.

15. The system of claim 8, wherein the network is an ATM network.

16. The system of claim 8, wherein the first call agent cluster and second call agent cluster communicate over a CORBA software bus.

17. The system of claim 8, further comprising:

an accounting gateway, comprising:

means for sending information to a billing system.

18. The system of claim 8, further comprising:

an announcement server, comprising:

means for playing pre-recorded messages.

19. The system of claim 8, wherein the common protocol is the multi call agent protocol.

20. The system of claim 8, wherein the first call agent cluster, comprises:

an endpoint manager; and

a state machine;

wherein the endpoint manager comprises:

means for storing information on a media session, and

means for transmitting information to the state machine, and

wherein the state machine comprises:

means for receiving information from the endpoint manager, and

means for using the information to take an action.

21. The system of claim 20, wherein the first call agent cluster further comprises:

a message queue, comprising:

means for receiving information from a subscriber unit,

means for storing the information, and

means for transmitting information to the endpoint manager.

22. The system of claim 8, wherein the first call agent cluster further comprises:

a gateway object, comprising:

means for communicating with the state machine, and

means for managing the first gateway.

23. The system of claim 8, wherein the first call agent cluster further comprises:

a message handler, comprising:

means for determining an endpoint manager from a plurality of endpoint managers,

means for receiving information, and

means for transmitting the information to the determined endpoint manager.

24. The system of claim 8, further comprising:

a switch linking the first subscriber unit to the first media control device.

25. The system of claim 8, wherein the call agent further comprises:

means for embedding in the common protocol the information in the first protocol.

26. A method of managing communications between a first subscriber unit and a second subscriber unit over a network, comprising the steps of:

the call agent sending and/or receiving SS7 signaling information regarding management of communications over a packet-based network;

the call agent managing communications between the first and second subscriber units over the network; and

the first and second subscriber units communicating over the network.

27. The method of 26, wherein the first subscriber unit is connected to the call agent through a public switched telephone network.

28. The method of 26, wherein the packet-based network is an internet protocol network.

29. The method of 26, wherein the packet-based network is an asynchronous transfer mode network.

30. The method of 26, further comprising the step of the call agent transmitting information to a media control device.

31. The method of 30, wherein the information transmitted to the media control device is in the simple gateway control protocol.

32. The method of 30, wherein the media control device is an internet protocol gateway.

33. A method of managing communications between a first subscriber unit and a second subscriber unit, comprising the steps of:

a first media control device coupled to the first subscriber unit transmitting information in a first protocol to a first call agent cluster regarding establishing a media session with the second subscriber unit over a packet-based network;

the first call agent cluster translating the information in the first protocol to a common protocol;

setting up a connection between the first call agent cluster and a second call agent cluster;

the first call agent cluster and the second call agent cluster exchanging information using the common protocol;

the first call agent cluster translating information in the common protocol to the first protocol;

the first call agent cluster transmitting the information in the first protocol to the first media control device coupled to the first subscriber unit;

the second call agent cluster translating information in the common protocol to a second protocol;

the second call agent cluster transmitting the information in the second protocol to a second media control device coupled to the second subscriber unit; and

the first subscriber unit and the second subscriber unit exchanging information over the network.

34. The method of claim 33, wherein the first media control device is a residential gateway.

35. The method of claim 33, wherein the first media control device is an H.323 gateway.

36. The method of claim 33, further comprising the step of
the first call agent cluster transmitting information to a third media control device wherein the third media control device is a trunking gateway; and
wherein the first media control device is an SS7 gateway.

37. The method of claim 33, wherein the step of setting up a connection between the first call agent cluster and the second call agent cluster comprises the sub-steps of:

the first call agent cluster transmitting information to a service broker;
the service broker determining the second call agent cluster from a plurality of call agent clusters;
the service broker transmitting information to the second call agent cluster.

38. The method of claim 37, further comprising the sub-steps of:
the service broker transmitting a request to a network resource database;
and
the network resource database transmitting information to the service broker.

39. The method of claim 33, wherein the network is an IP network.

40. The method of claim 33, wherein the network is an ATM network.

41. The method of claim 33, wherein the call agent clusters communicate over a CORBA bus.

42. The method of claim 33, wherein the call agent clusters communicate using the multi call agent protocol.

43. The method of claim 33, wherein the information in the first protocol is embedded in the information in the common protocol.

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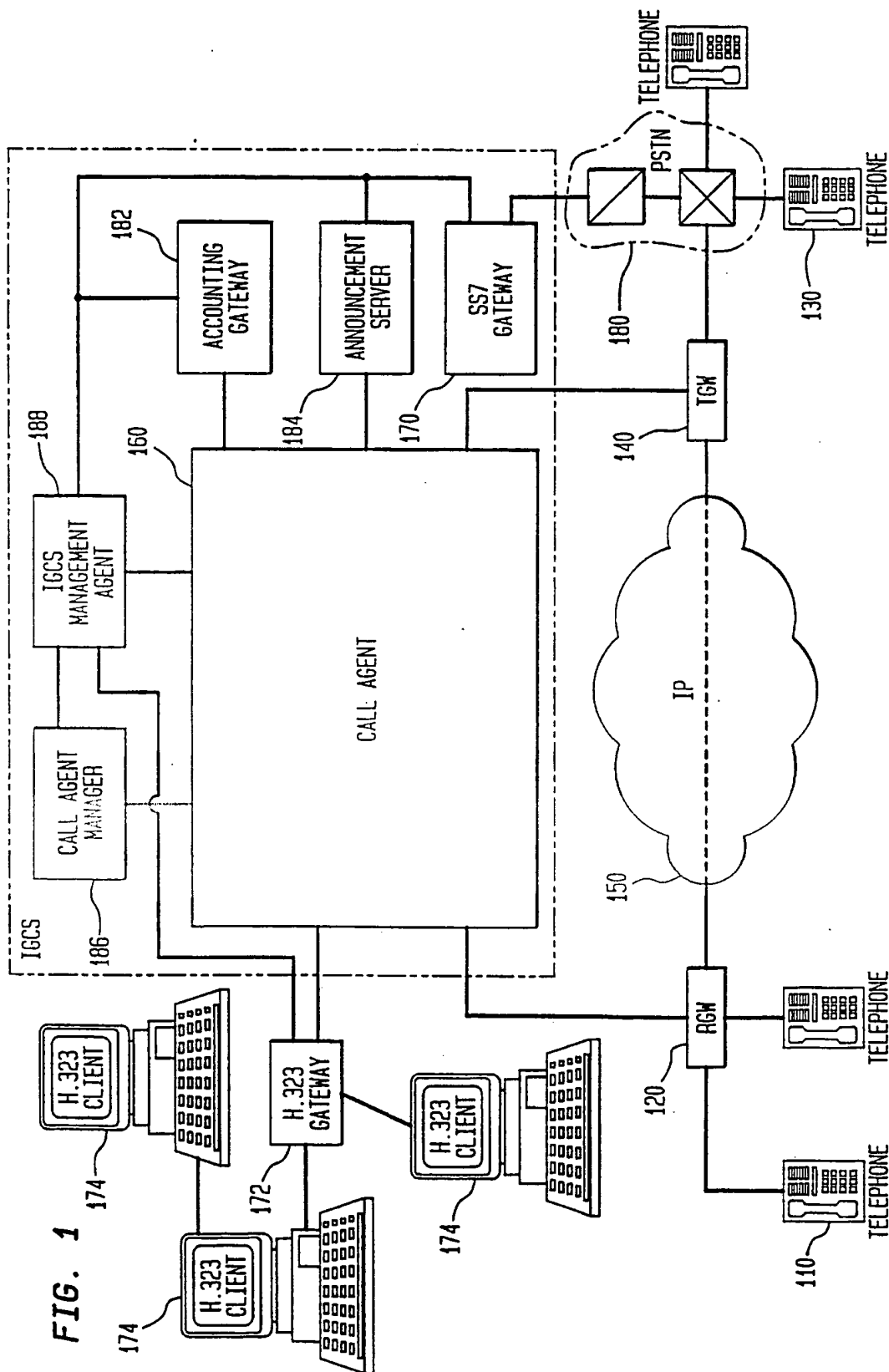
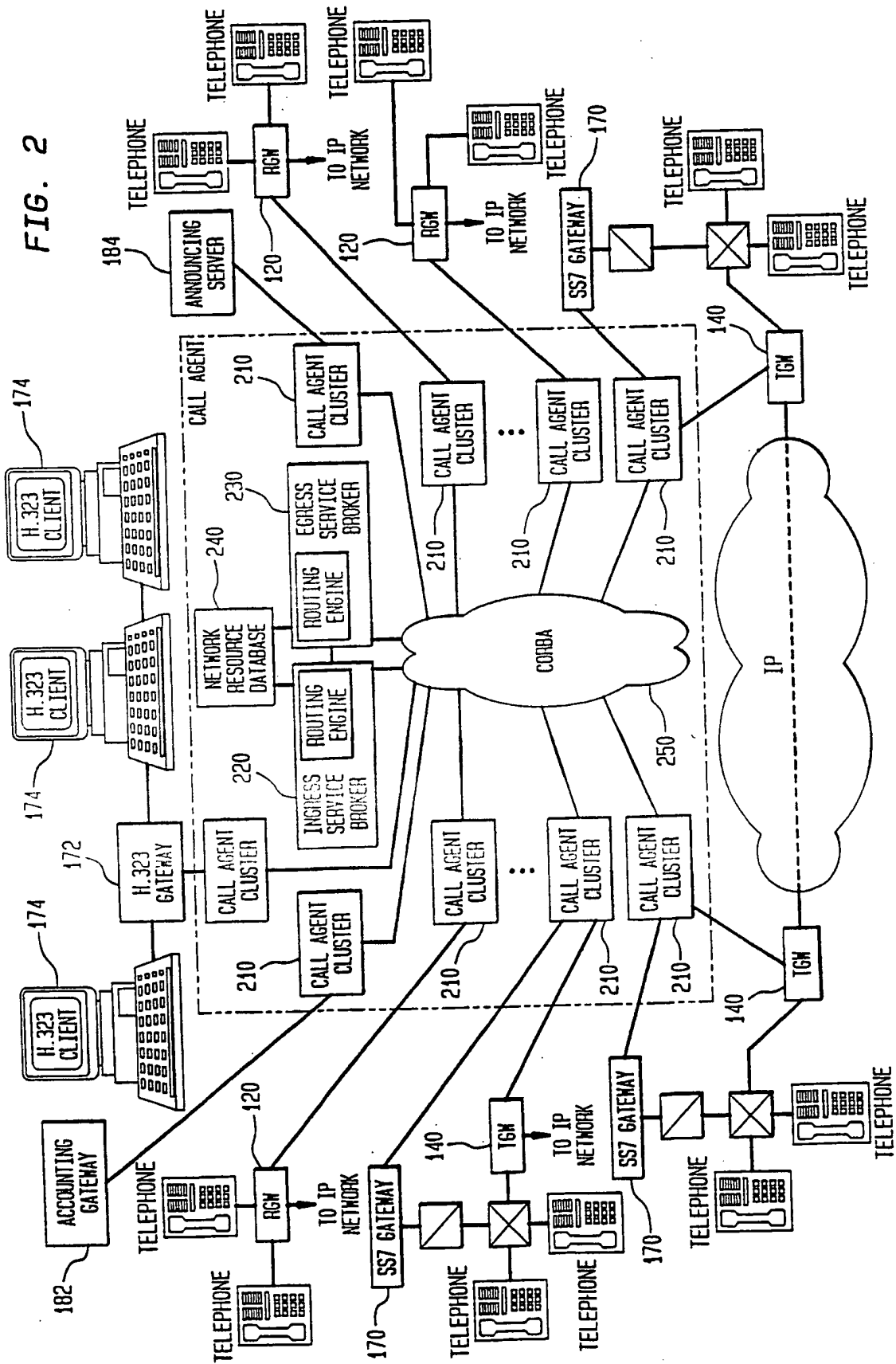


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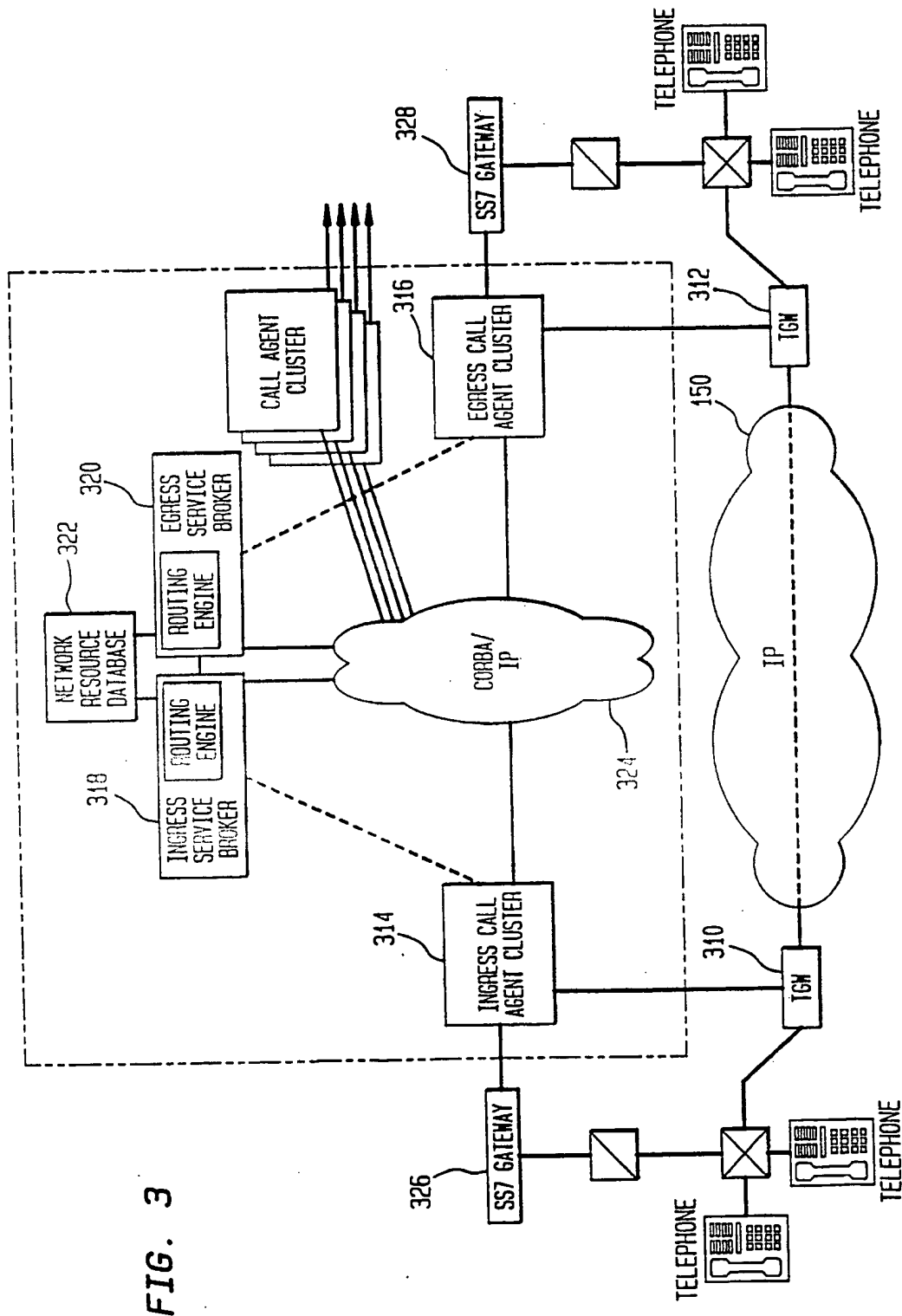


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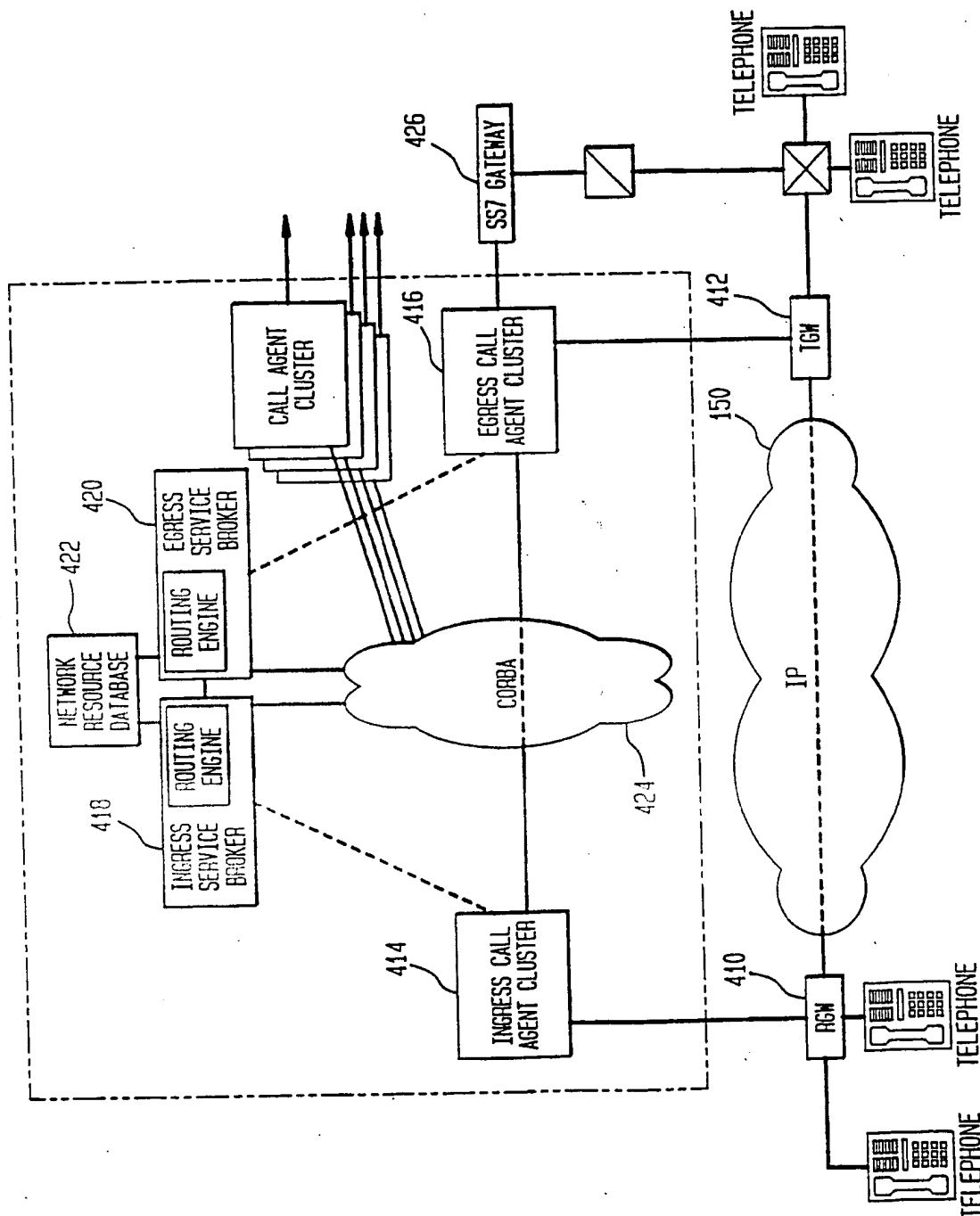


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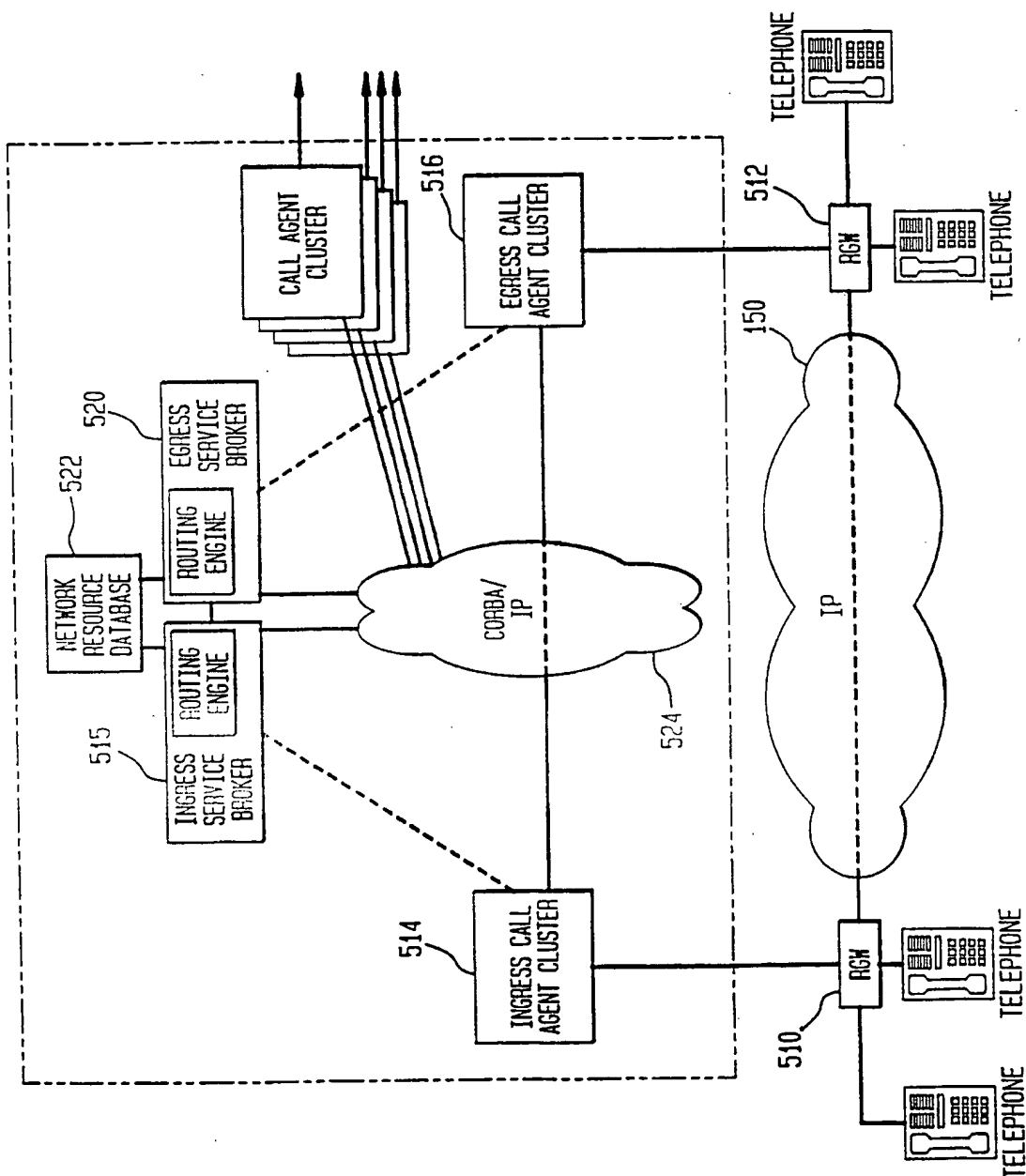
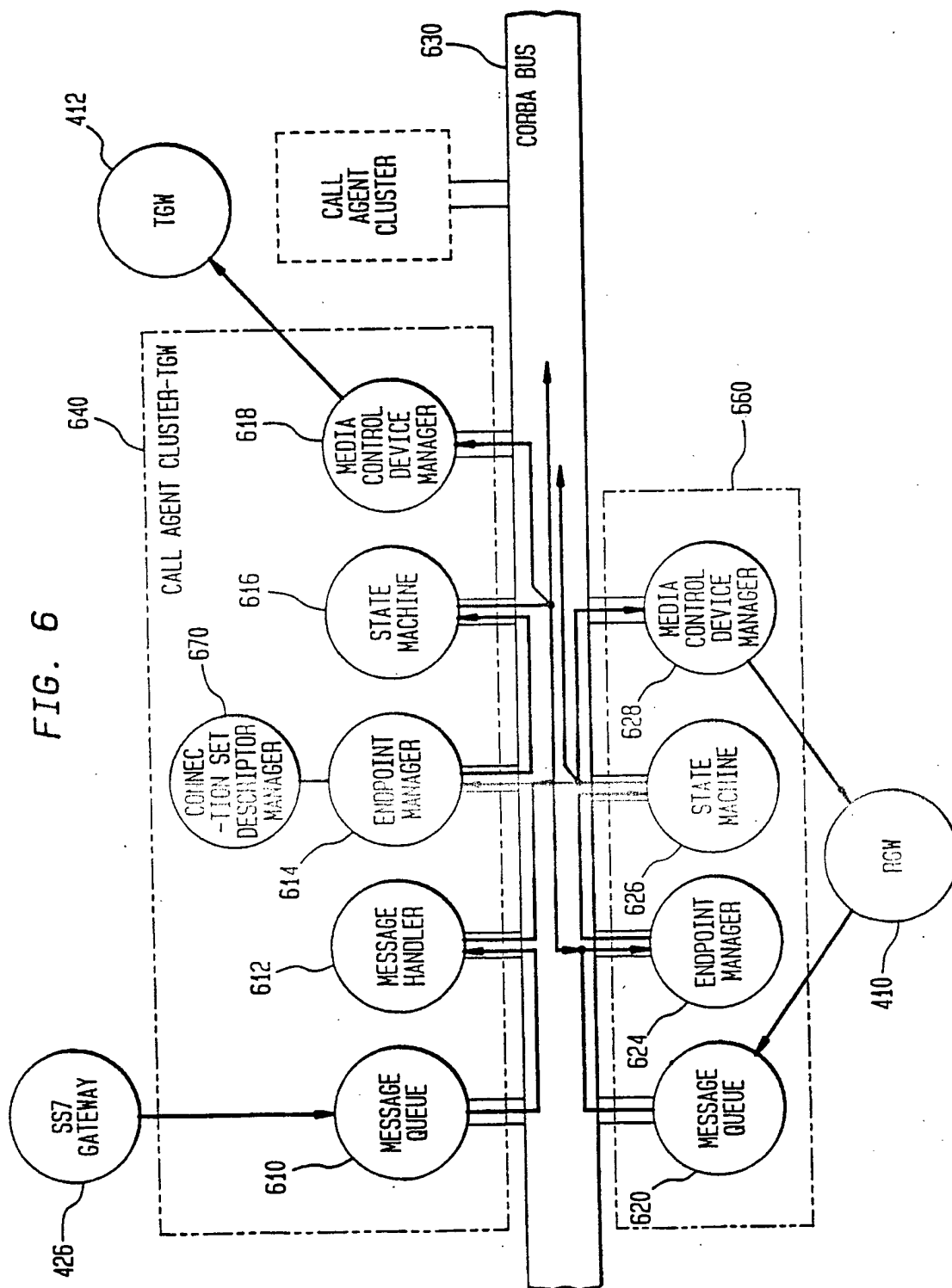


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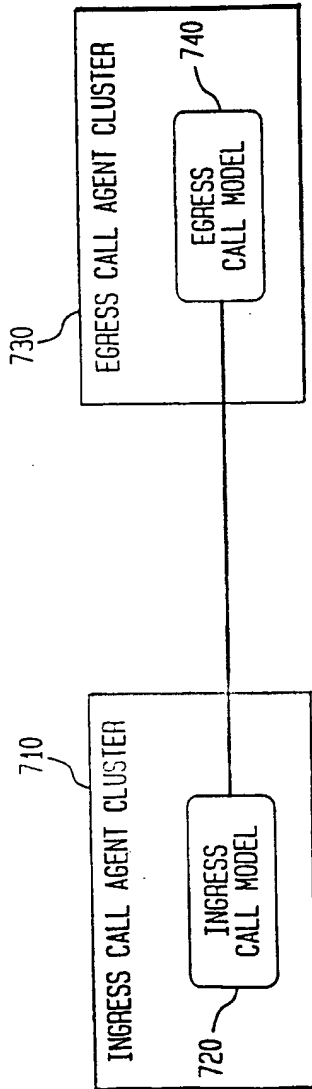
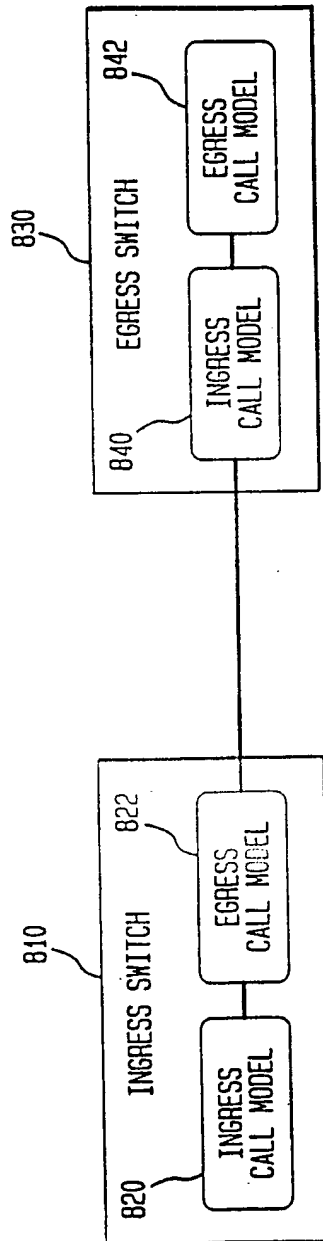
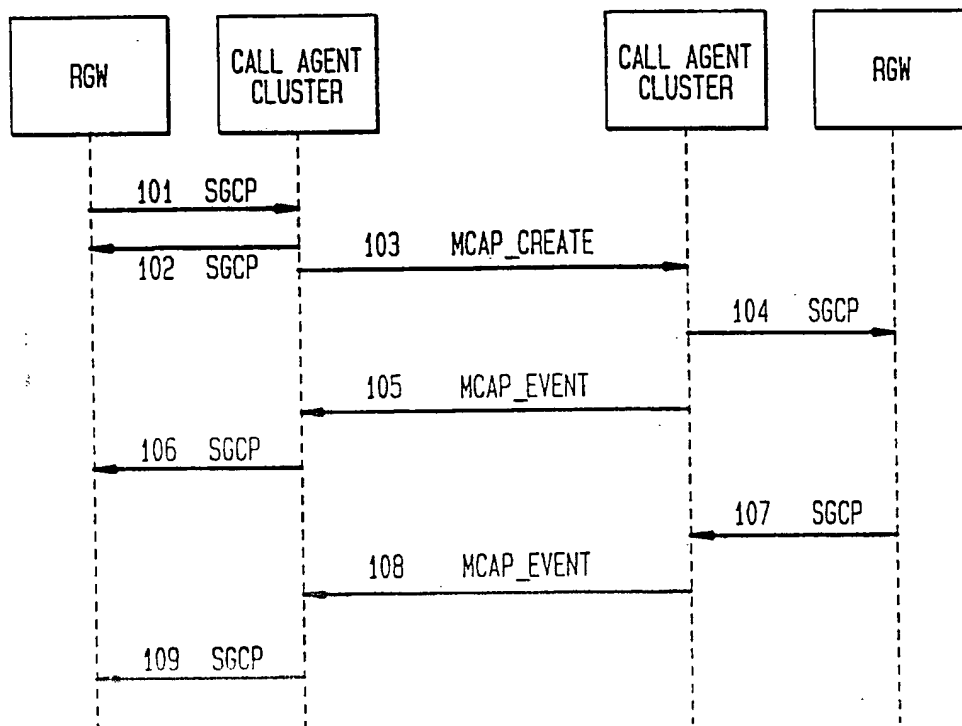


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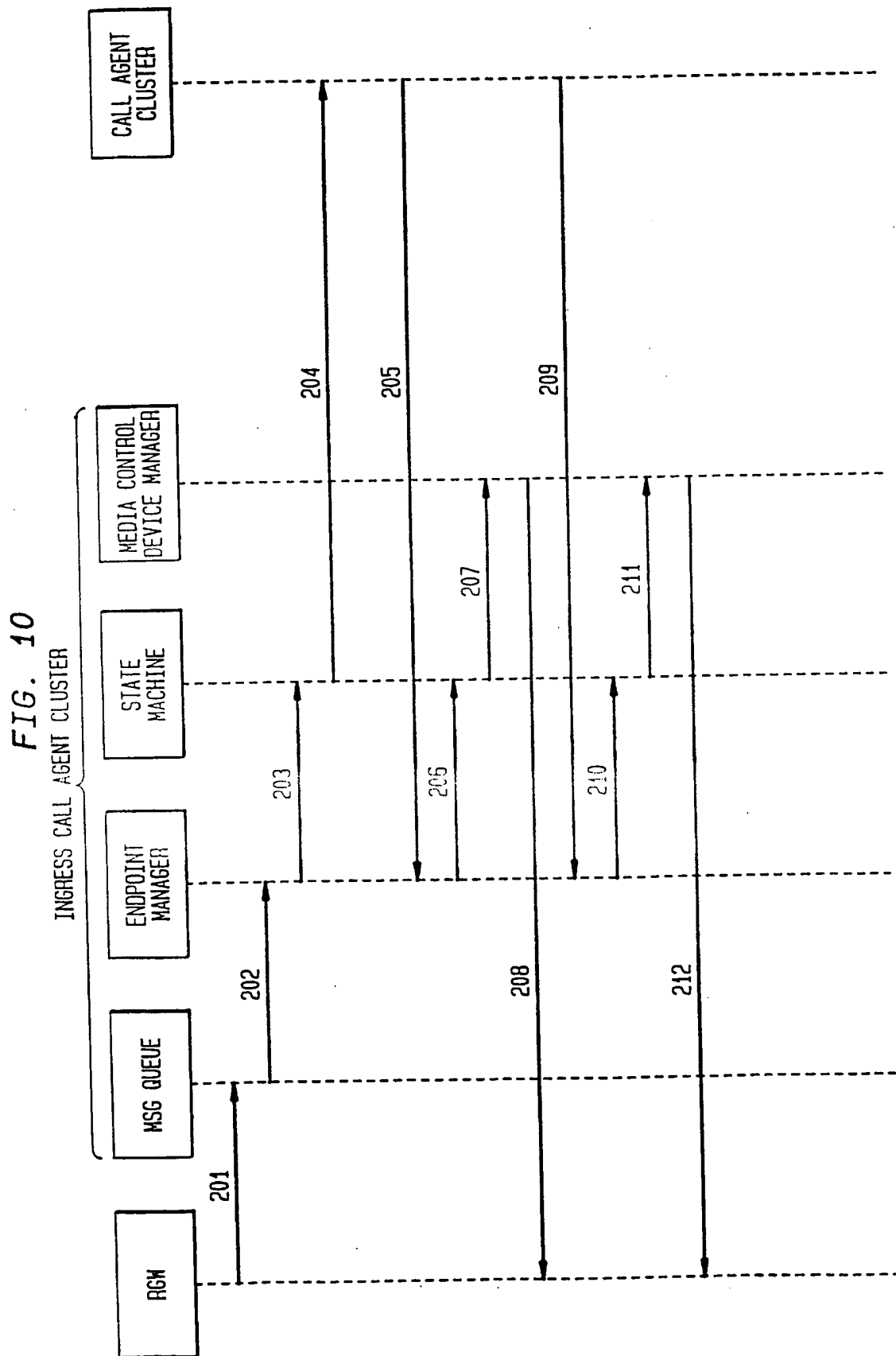


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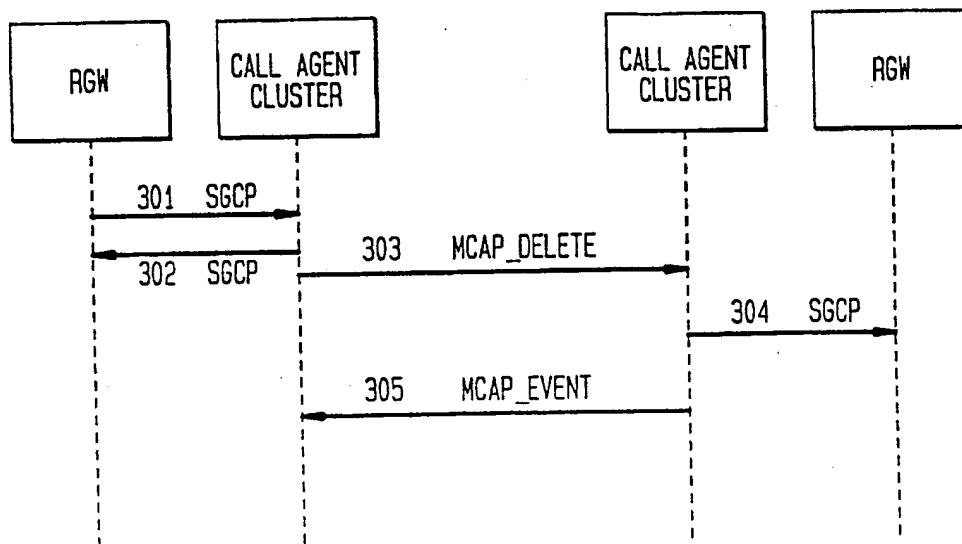
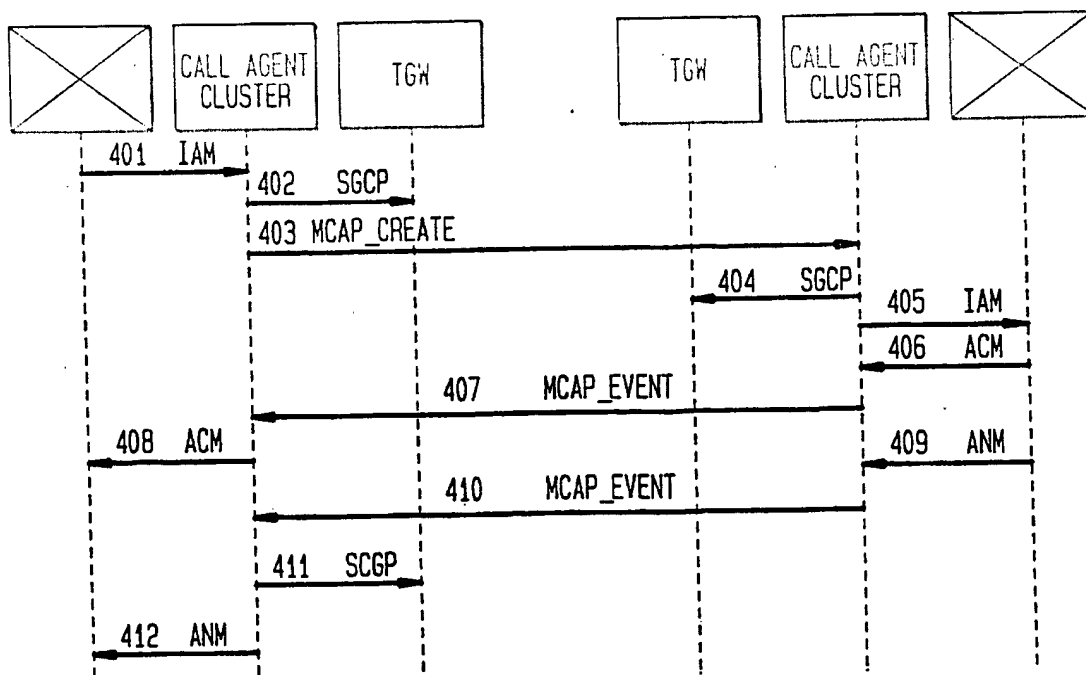
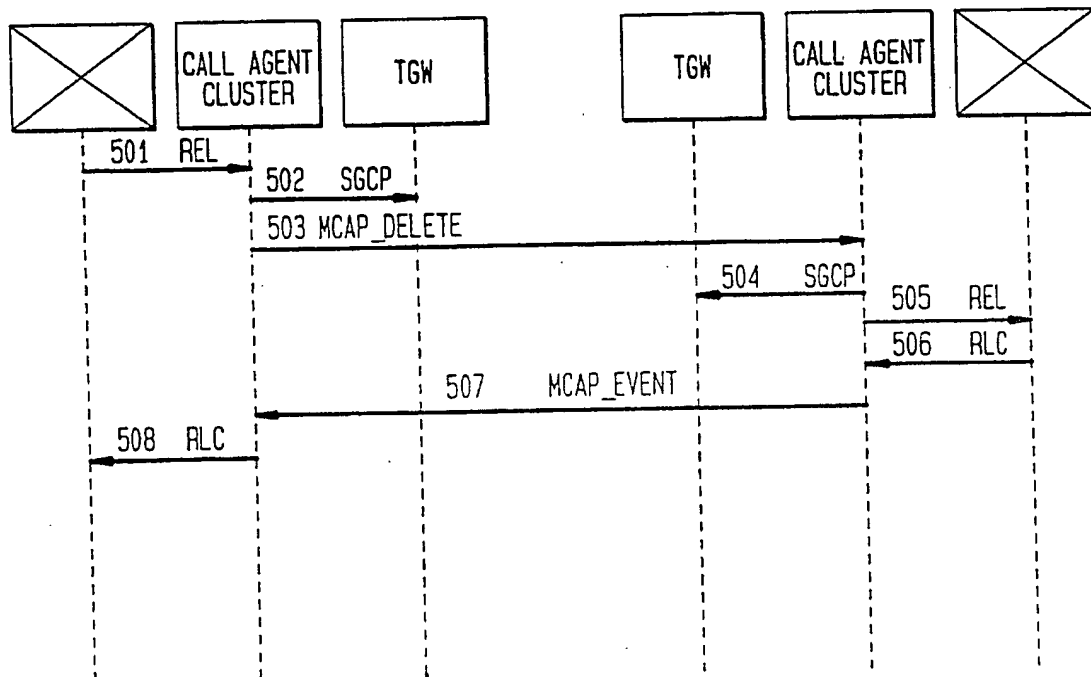


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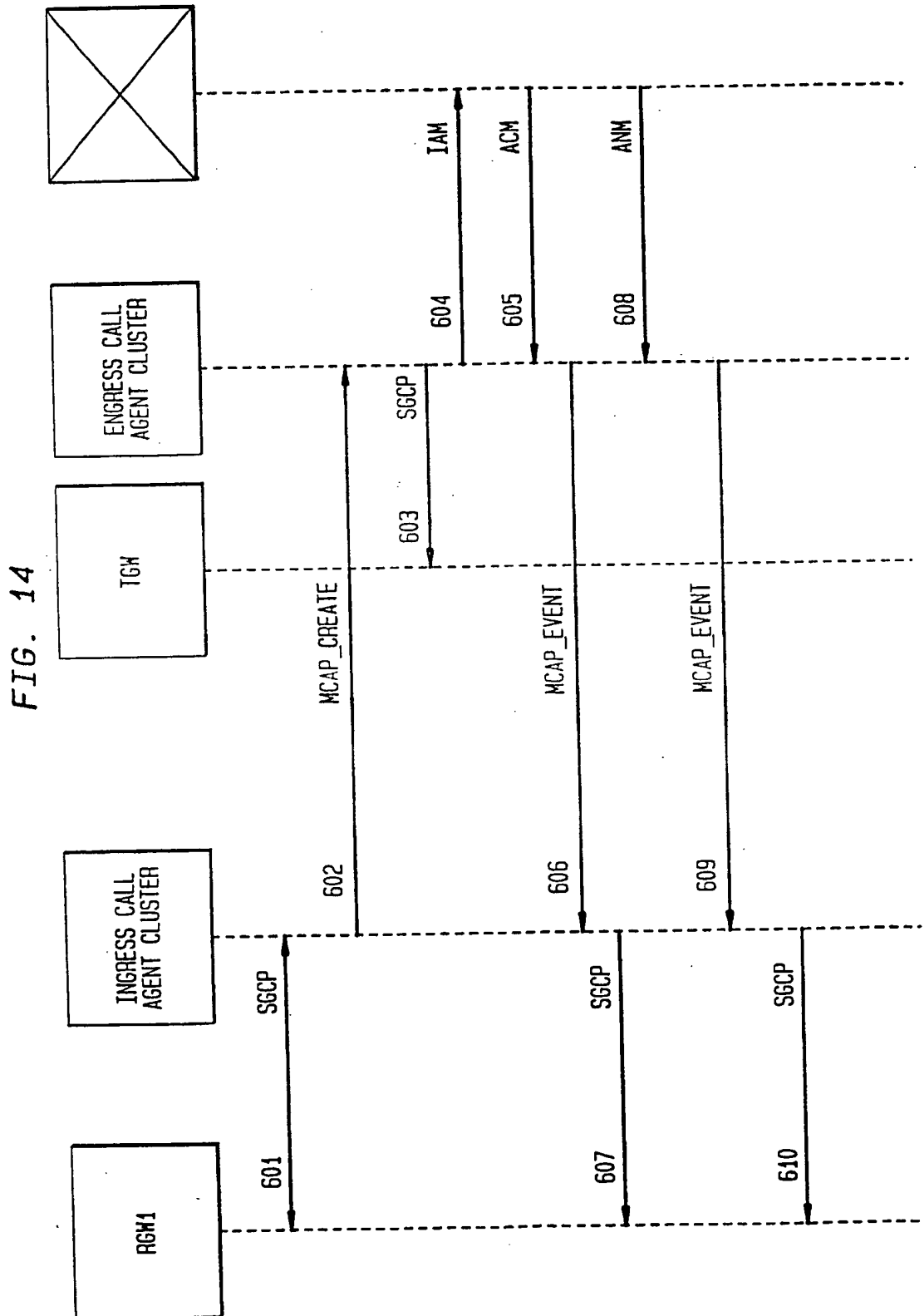


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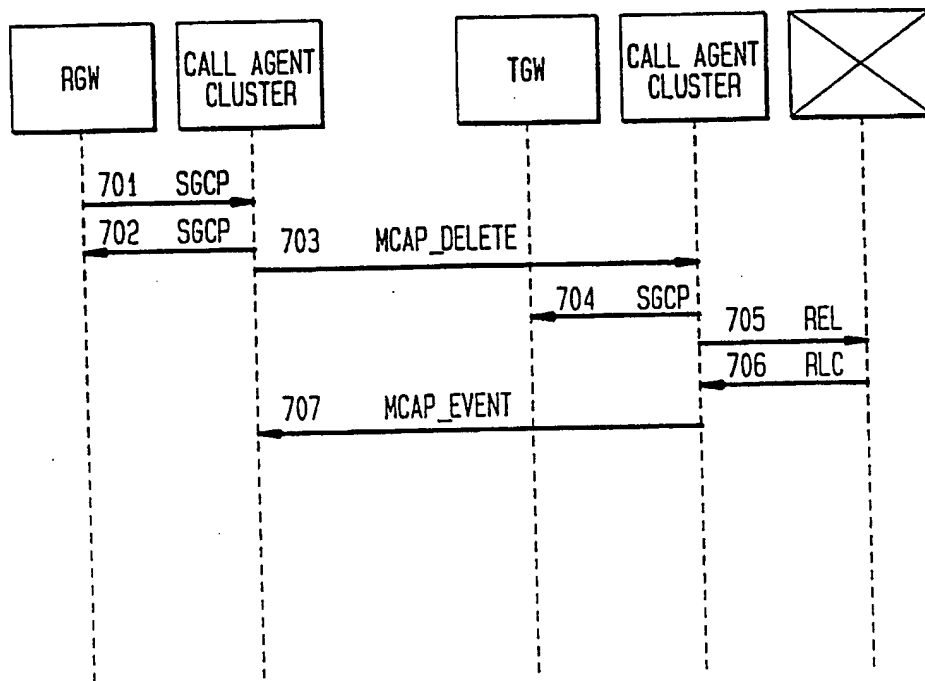
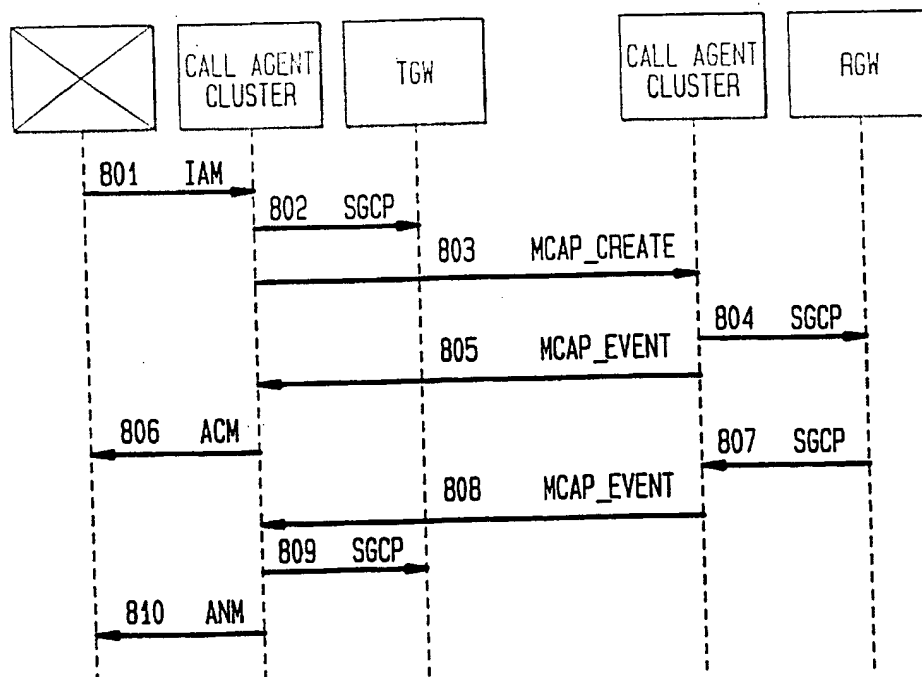


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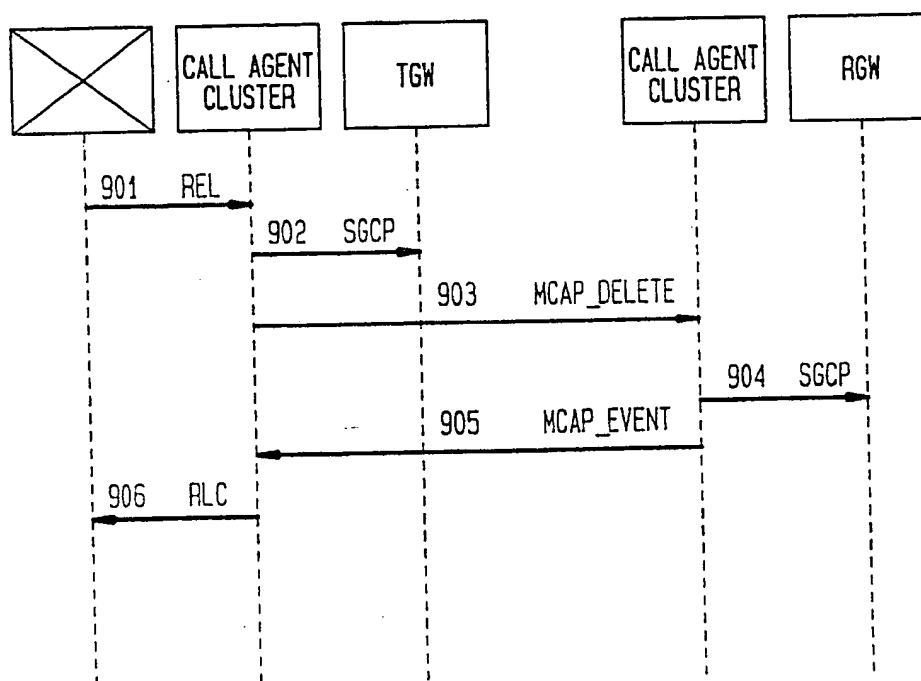
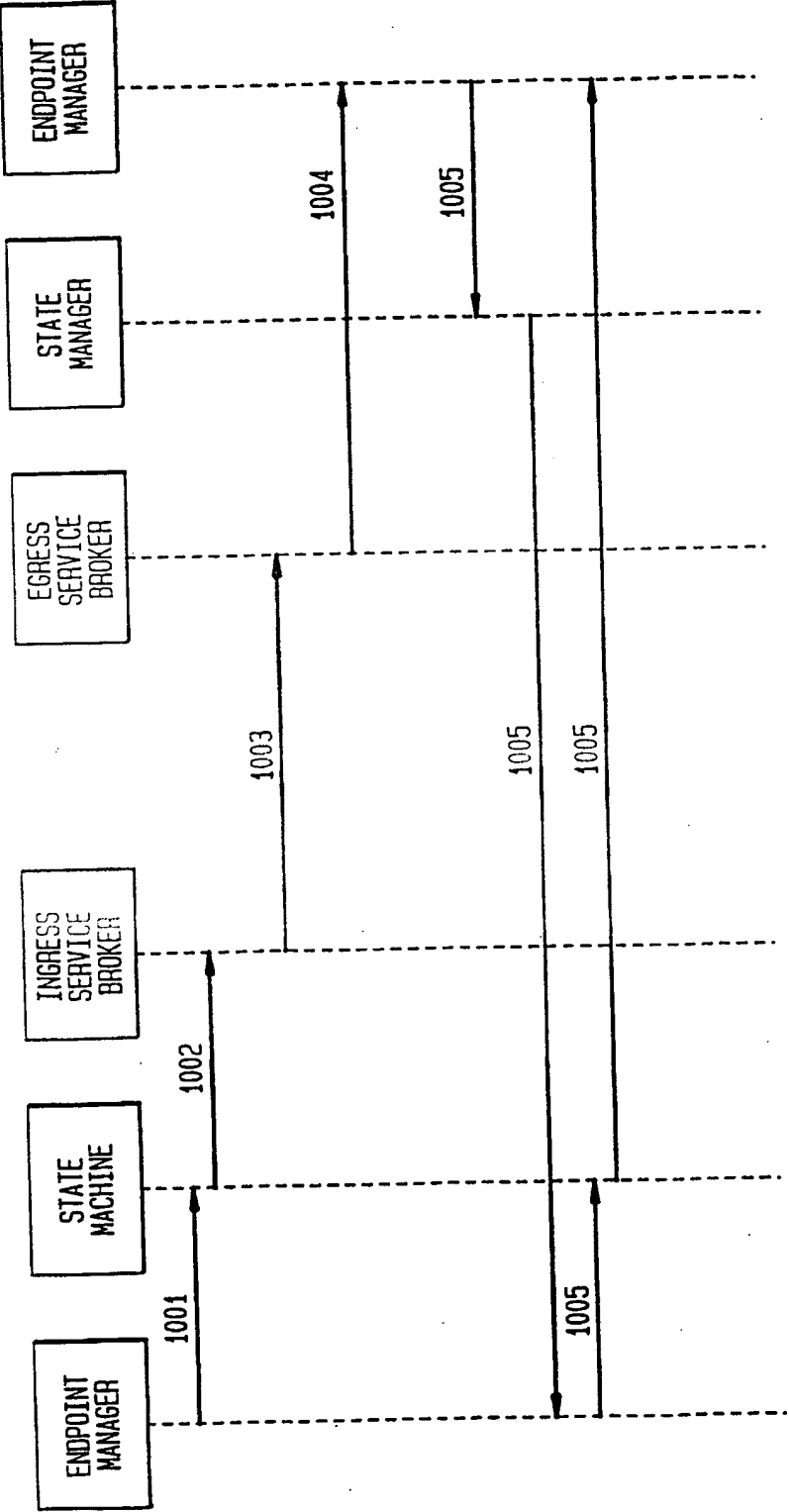


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